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College Republicans host 9/11 tribute

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Nearly 3,000 flags lined the academic quad at Elizabethtown College last Monday in a tribute to the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001. A group of roughly ten students from the College Republicans worked to place the flags, one by one, around the quad on Sunday evening, after the club coordinated with facilities and the Office of Student Affairs to ensure a smooth placement process.

"Most college students today were not alive when 9/11 occurred, and if they were, they were not old enough to remember it," College Republicans President Timothy Mackall '25 said. . "Wrapped up in 9/11 is so much pain, grief and darkness but also hope and honor. We owe it to ourselves and those we lost to never forget."

This is the second consecutive year the club has worked to place the flags. Last year, the College Republicans re-formed, and one of their first acts was placing the flags.

The College did not pursue any other tribute event to the victims of 9/11 besides the College Republicans' event.

"I think the visual conception of all the people who died because of pure evil is something every person should have to experience," Mackall said. "I also think it means something so much more to our campus community when it's a tribute done by students and not just by the College."

NEVER FORGET

Photo courtesy of Timothy Mackall

Students gathered to place flags around the academic quad at the College in a tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The students took more than two hours out of their Sunday evening to place the flags. Junior occupational therapy major Elizabeth Petlick said the event was more than worth it.

"I felt compelled to participate to honor not only those who lost their lives, but also the loved ones of these individuals and the first responders who worked tirelessly on the scene of the attack," Petlick said.

Every student who attended class on Monday got the chance to view the tribute and think of the lives lost, which was the club's goal. The flags filled the green space between the Baugher Student Center/Thompson Gymnasium complex and the academic buildings, where students frequent during the day.

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Social justice changes made to OSA handbook

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With 80+ clubs on the Elizabethtown College campus, there must be a set list of standards. With that comes the Office of Student Activities (OSA) and the annual club handbook they put out.

"The biggest thing I want people to know is that I'm not trying to hinder or limit what your club is doing. I'm trying to make sure you all have the correct connections and resources and that your event is as good as it can possibly be," Assistant Director of Student Activities and Commuter Engagement Brooke Hollinger said in response to being asked the purpose behind the handbook and getting events and fundraising approved through her.

While most of the rules followed the precedent of the year prior, some were unexpected.

Some did not concern most clubs, such as the ones regulating overnight travel.

Club business cannot happen over the summer and although this rule is marked as "NEW" this year, this was set years ago to give students more time to have a better balance between their personal and academic lives.

OSA
FRIDAY SEPT 8th
Session 1: 7-8:30
Session 2: 9-10:30
MUST SIGN UP @ THE HUB
WELCOME BACK
BLUE JAYS
TEMPEST THEATER
ONE ACTS FESTIVAL
September 15

Photo courtesy of Delaney Peckham

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) puts on student events and oversees clubs. Recent changes to the club handbook mandate social justice training.

Some new rules absolutely will impact club function, particularly for leadership of clubs on campus.

New social justice, peacemaking and non-violence policies are clearly stated within the handbook this year, with an emphasis on new trainings.

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Etown student looks to expand service dog training program on campus

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They say that the dog is man's best friend.

Service dogs are a perfect example of this. These dogs make for loyal partners for people with disabilities: they can guide a person who is blind, prevent panic attacks, aid with mobility and much more. In fact, around 500,000 Americans have built partnerships with a support canine. These dogs are not always born as patient, focused workers, however. Just like any skilled worker, they need to be taught the skills required to become a service dog.

This is where junior occupational therapy major Samantha Machmer comes in.

Machmer, a resident assistant in Schlosser Hall, has partnered with the Susquehanna Service Dogs program to take Farmer, a future service dog, to live with her on campus. She will raise him until he is old enough to work as a full-fledged service dog. During his time at Etown, Machmer will teach Farmer how to be patient, calm and well-mannered. He will also learn from the positive example that Truman, Etown's famous "therapy doodle," sets with his calm demeanor.

So far, Farmer has built a reputation for bringing a spark of joy into the lives of students and faculty. One student said that she has spotted Farmer occasionally around campus, and that she "love[s] seeing him because he's just the cutest and sweetest dog."

It is evident that Machmer is doing an excellent job raising him and that he will make for a great service dog when he grows up.

Machmer would like to bring more puppies to Etown's campus through a potential program that will give more students the opportunity to experience the beautiful challenge of raising a service dog.

She believes that Etown students and society as a whole will benefit from her program. Canine Companions claims that there is a "critical shortage" of trained service dogs across the world, so this program has the potential to make a big difference in people's lives.

However, there are some factors that should be taken into account before volunteering to raise a puppy.

Dogs need plenty of attention and need to be walked every day. In addition, service dogs must be taught how to be patient and calm from an early age.

In order to teach them these virtues, dogs should be raised around people who act patiently and calmly, not acting rambunctious or loudly.

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PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu

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It is once again the season of budgeting for Pennsylvania with its many agencies and departments. The past eight years have presented quite the challenge for the state with a Democratic governor and a Republican state legislature who were continuously at odds over the allocation of funding and taxes.

Many had hoped that Pennsylvania's new governor, Josh Shapiro, would be able to break this near decade-long trend of division between the executive and legislative branches through bipartisanship. However, a divided legislature with a Republican Senate and a Democratic House has further complicated budget talks, and Governor Shapiro has been left struggling to bring compromise between a bitterly divided General Assembly.

A fiscal spending year in Pennsylvania runs from July 1 until June 30 of the following year. The 2023-2024 budget will cover funding of all state agencies from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The deadline for passing the 2023-2024 budget was June 30, 2023, and the planning process began Aug. 2022 where the various state agencies began crunching the numbers deciding what programs need more or less funding. By Oct. 2022, these changes were submitted to the governor's office. Between Oct. 2022 and Jan. 2023, the governor finalized a spending plan and submitted it to the General Assembly for approval.

Normally, this process would be completed by Feb., however the transition of a new governor's administration delayed the submission until March 2023. From March until the end of June, the General Assembly and the Governor's Office debate, edit and resubmit the budget until they find a compromise by the end of June. In reality, debate over the budget continued well into the summer until a budget was finally approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor on Aug. 3, 2023.

So, what is in this $45 billion budget? The state set aside funds for the budget back in Aug., but they have yet to allocate the funds to many of the state agencies funded by it. The main impasse over funding allocation lies within the public school system. Republican lawmakers in the Senate want to increase funding for private school choice vouchers and decrease funding for public schools. This would allow parents to use tax dollars towards private school tuition. The Democratic House by contrast wants to use the voucher money to increase funding for public schools.

The current budget approved in Aug. allowed for an 8% increase in education spending, or more than $700 million. The Senate only approved the spending plan when Governor Shapiro promised to allow most of this new money to go towards school voucher programs. Governor Shapiro initially feigned support for voucher programs, however he has succumbed to the pressure from the Democratic House and has reaffirmed his opposition to the program.

Another aspect of education that has been politicized has been the funding of public universities in the state. State funding to support Lincoln University, Pennsylvania State, Pittsburgh University and Temple University has also been tied up in the budget negotiation process. As a result, universities could see a rise in in-state tuition that normally would be covered by the state budget.

Several other programs are also in jeopardy if budget allocations are not soon decided. Public school infrastructure funding, updates and investigations into school funding equitability as outlined by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in last year's landmark decision: low income home repair grants, subsidies for public defenders, funding for emergency medical services, funding for hospitals, wage increases for new teachers and adult mental health programs.

Unless the budget impasse can be resolved soon, a delay in funding these programs may cause chaos in public schools, state universities and in medical services as agencies will need to figure out how to operate without the increase in funding. Despite initial bipartisan optimism, it appears as though governor Shapiro will suffer the same political headaches that plagued his predecessor, although this time he has the benefit of partnering with a Democratic House while working with a divided Assembly.

OSA PAGE 1

Students react to OSA guidelines

The rules are intended to follow College standards and to reiterate the importance these values hold on campus at the College.

While in prior years, clubs were told to open all club meetings and events in adherence to the College Statement of Non-Discrimination, this year's handbook explicitly states, "Etown College is rooted in social justice, peacemaking, and non-violence. Therefore, any group that registers for recognition must adhere to these same principles and values."

The handbook continues, saying "Groups that are a part of, or affiliated with any local, regional, national or international organizations that are deemed hate or extremist groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Antidefamation League, the ACLU or NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) will not be recognized as their values run counter to the College's, and cause harm to our community."

Recognized executive members must attend mandatory diversity training to obtain funds from Student Assembly.

With no other way to receive funds, this forces club members to attend the sessions, focused on diversity, equity and bleonging.

Sophomore Elsa Woodarek felt "that Etown is a place that prides itself on these values through other groups such as CGUP (Center for Global Understanding and Peacebuilding), [so] it only makes sense to incorporate these values into clubs and organizations. As the official representative voice of all the students on campus, part of Student Assembly's mission is to support diversity and inclusion initiatives and empower the student body to utilize resources equitably."

Woodarek also hoped the practice would continue.

"As this process is upheld in future semesters, I feel that the positive impact will spread from clubs to the wider student body," she said.

As always, events must be approved by OSA, preferably in advance, especially as there are deadlines for posters and banners.

Through further integration of the Blue Print program here on campus, clubs were advised to consider where their event falls within the program and advertise it as such.

The goal behind this further integration is to make the Blue Print Program a standard for all events, to have more events scanned in through Jays App and make it so students get credit for the things they are already doing.

Another change in club approval is that for events at the Mosaic House for certain clubs (such as GSA, Hillel, NOIR and other identity important clubs), the approval for the event is to be sent to Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills, not Hollinger.

"The adherence to social justice, peacemaking and non-violence are extremely good things. I also think the new limitations provide more hoops to jump through for clubs to plan events, however, it could be beneficial for all. At this point, it is a waiting game to see how difficult and time-consuming the new system is," sophomore, secretary of Sock & Buskin and music director of WWEC Em Clark said.

While changes to the system require a period of adjustment, it is too early to determine whether the adjustment will be an effective one, especially in the lense of the brand new Student Assembly and it's function on the campus.

Any clubs or students should keep in mind that the handbook changes every year and that Hollinger (hollingerbrooke@etown.edu or in BSC 255) will take into account any feedback or concerns expressed by students.

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Campus service dogs draw positive reactions from students

Photo courtesy of Etown Flickr

Etown students interact with Truman, the College's resident therapy doodle.

First-year student Elise McCann has expressed excitement about the idea of having more puppies on campus.

"I like the idea of having more dogs around," McCann said. "It would make the campus a happier place. How could you be sad around puppies?"

Susquehanna Service Dogs is a part of Keystone Human Services. This nonprofit organization raises, trains and places service dogs.

They are searching for volunteers to raise puppies as Machmer is doing, but there are also plenty of ways for those who are not interested in puppy-raising to show support for the foundation.

For example, Susquehanna Service Dogs is happily accepting donations of money and items such as dog food and toys. Susquehanna Service Dogs appreciates all of the support they are given, considering that the cost for them to raise and train a single dog can cost around $30,000, according to their website.

To get involved, visit the Susquehanna Service Dogs website or their Facebook page.

Despite the challenges that go into raising and training a service dog, the result is worth it. Someday, Farmer will build an incredible bond with someone who needs him. Machmer exemplifies Etown's "Educate for Service" motto: getting herself–and potentially other students–involved in puppy training will bring light into the lives of people who are in need of a service animal.

Etown students in need of a little puppy love can keep an eye out for Farmer or Truman, the College's beloved therapy dog.

9/11 PAGE 1

Students honor 9/11 victims with memorial

The academic quad hosts all academic buildings, so each student that walked to class during the day on Monday or sat on the edge of the Baugher Student Center (BSC) patio viewed the solemn reminder of the lives lost in the deadly terrorist attack.

The eight students that came out on Sunday night stayed the entirety of the two hours, working well past sunset to reach their goal and have the tribute prepared for the morning.

The College Republicans host regular meetings once a month. They typically host speakers and discuss relevant political topics at their regular meetings.

Mackall said the club is more than just a political club.

"The College Republicans will always look for ways to serve our campus community, and this is one of those ways," Mackall said. "If you want to get involved, reach out to us. You don't have to be political to join."

Most clubs on campus are still seeking new members, and if you didn't get the chance to view the club fair, each club on campus has an affiliated email account that club leadership regularly checks for new information.

To get involved in the College Republicans, email the club at collegerepublicans@etown.edu.

Photo courtesy of Timothy Mackall

College Republicans placed flags Sunday night for students to view while walking to class.

Global Perspective

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This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

On Friday, Sept. 15, several protests were held globally to protest inaction regarding fossil fuels and other harmful emissions. This year has seen numerous natural disasters that have led to increasing deaths, from droughts to heavy floods. While the United States has seen its fair share of turmoil, the rest of the world has seen just as much, if not more.

Research points to the consistent use of fossil fuels and a lack of investment into renewable energy as causes to the record-breaking heat that we are seeing. This July was recorded as the hottest month ever, an ominous milestone for those dealing with its consequences, and those who will soon discover them.

In over 50 countries, tens of thousands of climate activists took to the streets to protest. The demonstrations were significantly youth-led, lending credit to notions of Generation Z's increasing involvement in global issues. Organizers for this weekend's protests estimate a turnout of more than a million people internationally.

For example, Greta Thunberg's "Fridays for Future"movement was seen in action on Friday. In Sweden, activists made chants for "climate justice" outside the Royal Palace, where the King celebratedhis 50th anniversary on the throne.

THERE IS NO PLANET B

These groups are not merely complaining but coming to the table with lists of demands and alternatives for their governments to enact.

Student groups in Vienna, Austria sat down in front of their parliament and called for the government to end oil and gas, enact supply chain laws and implement climate protections. A standout sign during a protest in Germany read: "march now or swim later".

Germany itself saw around 250 protests, with one group in Berlin marching through the city's government district. The country serves as an example of one of several wealthy nations being put to task over their performance on these issues.

Many argue that these countries have a responsibility to assist developing countries in efforts to incorporate low-carbon energy.

These cleaner energy types have more inexpensiverunning costs but need startup funds to get solar panels and wind farms installed quickly.

Meanwhile, according to the International Monetary Fund, governments spent $7 trillion in subsidies to non-renewable resources including oil and coal just last year.

Per AP News, the United Nations warned that countries are behind on efforts to curb increasing temperatures, with the planet warming another 2 degrees fahrenheit since the Paris Climate Agreement in 2016.

"This is directed at world leaders", Mitzi Jonelle Tan, a young climate activist from the Philippines, said. "We need to phase out the fossil fuels causing the destruction of our environment."

This historic mobilization comes just a week prior to the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Ambition Summit, a possible pivotal moment, where world leaders can demonstrate a combined effort to tackle these problems.

Business Buzz

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This weekly column will cover numerous business issues such as the economy, the stock market and general ethics. Coverage will span international and domestic topics.

If there are certain business issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been one of the fastest growing tools for employers to weed out potential employees from other applicants. This has been one of the fastest growing modernizations in the talent management industry in the last decade. Though this comes with substantial improvements, there is still a lot to learn regarding this.

The use of AI has decreased the loads of work for those in Human Resources (HR) by using data which uses intel from previous hires and keywords which the company is looking for.

On average, for one corporate job opening, a company will receive 250 resumes.

The database works through various resumes by selecting those with the proper credentials and removing those without the proper credentials. This way, when it is sent to the recruiting team, they can sort through the candidates and slowly narrow down the process.

According to recent statistics, around 67% of HR officials believe that AI has many benefits regarding the human resources field, and 44% of HR workers believe it will free up time in their day.

This will give them more time to focus on the other important aspects of their careers such as company culture, understanding the needs of their colleagues and becoming involved in the strategy for the business. All these things are extremely important and being free from going through 250 applications per job opening could help them advance these other required parts of their job.

There are also plenty of downsides to the use of AI in the hiring process. One of the biggest criticisms of AI is that it learns human biases and may not give the most diverse options of possible applicants.

The one thing that AI does very well is the detection of key words and phrases which will automatically put the resume through to the next round. Most of these phrases that these programs detect are more masculine terminology. This in turn can put women at a disadvantage since on average they use different terms than men.

Another attribute that many HR professionals have discussed is the lack of gut instinct. Anyone in the business field understands that most business is gut instinct and the assessing of one's other qualities to make proper choices in employees.

Soft skills have become the forefront of what most employers look for in a possible candidate like engagement, communication and overall attitude. These attributes can not be found in data but by observing the individual and how they conduct themselves.

This is one area where businesses are not allowed to mess up because their employees are the face of their company and their culture. Replacing them is even harder if they do not do well in the business.

Many companies have taken on the process of having their AI system give them recommendations on applicants, but they still do the interviewing process in-person. This allows them time to develop the company's strategies, which bolsters the rest of the business, while encouraging the old business way of looking at the person holistically. It is suggested, to anyone applying for any job to look up the top words and phrases which businesses are looking for while still developing those interview skills.

Today, 85% of positions are still filled by networking.

Etown kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with flag raising event

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On Friday, Sept. 15, the Elizabethtown College Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging cooperated with the Latinx/Hispanic Student Union (LHSU) to begin the commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a flag-raising event. Many different flags were displayed from various South American countries, as well as other countries in the Baugher Student Center (BSC). They will stay up for a month to honor and respect the Hispanic heritage by showcasing some of the cultural and historical diversity.

Photo courtesy of Cindy Annou Moukoro

The display of Hispanic flags will be in the BSC for the entirety of the month in honor of Hispanic heritage and to showcase the diverse identities on campus.

"This is not only a celebration but also a recognition of the independence of many Latino countries. To honor our origins during this month and learn more about who we are," senior and president of the LHSU Sarah Moscoso said. "During this month, I feel empowered to celebrate my roots and identity with the school community."

The event was presented and introduced by various speakers. They all feature the importance of this month. "Not being Hispanic does not limit you to advocating for the Hispanic community," Moscoso said. After the speeches, there were tables filled with presentations on some Latinx countries, the theme being Travel to Latino countries. Different cuisines, cultures, history and many more were showcased during the event. "Watching people getting interested in my country and roots made me feel good because I am sharing who I am and my story with them," junior international business attendee Crystal Romera said.

"Last year, Hispanic Heritage Month went very fast, so this year, we had a lot of reflection, and we wanted people to stop by and honor this month with us by organizing something after the speeches," Moscoso said. "I learned more about my history during the event, and I am sure many others did too. But all this would not have happened without the help of the Latinx cabinet."

The speakers and even attendees shared their stories about how it was hard for them to even decide to come to college because they did not know if they could afford it. "I remember how hard I worked in high school to secure my future. Working jobs and attending to my school assignments was not easy. But I made it and knowing that gives me pride and strength," attendee Maria Gonzalez said. "The guidance and support the Latinx/Hispanic students give is refreshing. Because I know that they will have my back"

These stories are an eye-opener to many people. Students were able to hear the struggles many people go through to get where they are right now. Many related to those stories and expressed empathy, knowing the things people around them went through had many challenges along the way to get to where they are.

This event was a celebration for the whole College, a way to educate others on the Latinx community and share the joy of being one. "The Latinx/Hispanic student union is open to everyone and anyone," Moscoso said. "I have many Hispanic friends and being here makes me feel closer to them," an attendee stated. Smiles and laughter attracted more people to stop by the tables and admire all the work put into the event.

"It is my first semester here, and I did not know that we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month at Elizabethtown College," first-year psychology major Sophia Rema said. "It makes me so happy to see the flag of my country when I walk into the BSC. The memories of my family back home just came crashing into my mind in the most beautiful way."

Ubuntu program kickstarts third year

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The Ubuntu program started in 2021 as an effort to provide mentorship to first-years who identify as students of color. It has since grown to different areas on campus and has recruited dozens of mentors who are students, faculty and staff. The program is an initiative through Elizabethtown College's Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging (DEB). Director of the Office of DEB Darcey Mills oversees the program and seeks to connect it to other diversity initiatives on campus.

First-year students of color choose whether they would like to be part of the program or not. If they decide that they would like to be part of the program, they are then connected with a student Ubuntu mentor who shares their interests, such as major, sports or other campus club involvement. The student Ubuntu mentor is often the result of the Ubuntu program themselves, giving back to the program by signing up to mentor first-year students.

The Ubuntu program is different from other mentorship programs when it comes to the duration of the mentorship. Although only first-years are considered mentees, their Ubuntu mentors are expected to provide support throughout their college years and beyond. This is based on the understanding that the challenges a student of color faces are unique every year, and finding a support system would help them in their college journey.

The program is also unique in the way it defines an Ubuntu mentor. Along with a student Ubuntu mentor, staff and faculty members of color are also part of this program to provide mentorship to first-year students in areas that a student mentor may not be able to help with. This support structure ensures that a first-year student of color finds support in every aspect of campus life.

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Program continues to provide support for diverse identities

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In addition to students, staff and faculty, the Ubuntu program also seeks to connect alumni of color to current students of color. Alumni of color are invited to join "meet and greet" events in-person or remotely a few times a year. This allows current students of color to gain new perspectives of what life holds beyond their time at Etown.

The Ubuntu program has gotten more involved with other campus activities, as the mentees and mentors work with other identity-based clubs to encourage cross-collaboration between the DEB Office and campus clubs as well as boost attendance. Often, the members of the Ubuntu program run for leadership positions in identity-based clubs in an effort to ensure student-led long-term commitment to diversity and inclusion initiatives on campus.

This week-long Academy comes at no cost to the students in an effort to allow students from all backgrounds to take part in this experience. This initiative was first led by Jalen Belgrave '23 and was continued by senior International Business major Emely Guevara, the Academy's director for 2023.

"I came from a very unrepresented community where we didn't have the opportunity to go to summer camps," Guevara said. "Now, I have the opportunity to give that access to other students that look like me and want to learn about college. This camp is meant to build young community leaders to go back in their communities and make an impact, teaching them to use their voices and reach out to others."

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Photo courtesy of Darcey Mills

Ubuntu mentors and mentees get together to bond and have fun while bowling in the program's first event of the year.

Photo courtesy of Darcey Mills

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The Ubuntu program is planning to host events throughout the year to engage students currently enrolled in the program and encourage other students to apply to become members. If you are interested in learning more or joining the program, email millsd@etown.edu.

Crossing the Continental Divide: Empathy, Understanding and Compassion with Braver Angels' Linda Beck

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On Friday, Sept. 15, students of Elizabethtown College and community members had the opportunity to sit down, listen and talk about the polarization in politics today with a representative from The Braver Angels. The group started in 2016 after the presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. They recognized the overwhelming divide that occurred between both major political parties and sought to find a way to bring people back together.

The group originally were called the "Better Angels," in honor of the sixteenth President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address on March 4, 1861. In this address, Lincoln stated, "…will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely, they will be, by the better angels of our nature," referring to the divide against slavery in the country. While the group was unable to use this name for long because of the copyright of the speech, they kept the value of it. Becoming the Braver Angels meant that they are carrying on the legacy with people who must be brave enough to step up.

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Beck encouraged younger people to make a difference in the world by becoming involved in social issues.

Speaker Linda Beck got into this group after a first-hand experience in polarization. She said, "It was actually the 2016 election, and I had never gotten into politics before, and I married somebody who really did." After hearing some controversial things he said, she started looking up what was going on and found out that some things weren't true. "I actually had an opportunity to do a TEDx on fact-checking and social media and the impact in our world," Beck explained. From this, she found Braver Angels and decided to join.

The group holds workshops where they bring together members of both parties and they are "not building skills, [they are] building knowledge," Beck stated. To do this, many marriage counseling skills are applied. One founder of the group, Bill Doherty, is a marriage counselor and was asked, "is it a proper analogy of Reds and Blues in America and couples on the brink of divorce?" He replied, "There is an analogy to couples on the brink."

The entire premise of these gatherings is that the group believes that "we have more in common than we think." As couples can often find themselves pulling away due to differences, they can find similarities that make them stay. It is believed that the same can go for politics. Finding these similarities can lead to seeing people on the other side as individuals and not as a group who fit into a certain stereotype cast out by the media today. When groups sit down and talk of these differences, Braver Angels has proved that they can often become friends, or at least friendly with each other.

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Speaker Linda Beck discussed first-hand experiences in polarization by sharing stories from her personal life and linking them to bigger global issues.

While the organization acknowledges that some stereotypes will not be wiped away, they still hope that by facing this problem one step at a time, they can start to bring the country together again.

Beck shared a statistic that stated that when people leave these workshops, "85% feel less estranged" and "87% gain significant understanding." If people continue to try to be in these workshops and are willing to talk to each other, that number could go across America, making it a less polarized place.

Right now, this group has an older generation willing to participate, but they are hoping for people of all generations to join. When asked if it is beneficial for a college-age generation to participate, Beck said that "[Younger] generation[s] are the ones who are going to make an even bigger difference," and they are, "very actively looking to get youth involved." In member of this group, all that is needed is to either visit BraverAngels.org, or text BA to 66866.

Joining Braver Angels, attending their workshops or listening in to their lectures are all beneficial for the depolarization of America. As Beck said, "We're not gonna get anywhere if we are just butting heads." Braver Angels is encouraging everyone to commit to stopping polarization in order to bring everyone back together.

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Which fluffy Pillow Pet is the most compatible with your sign?

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For many college students, our guilty pleasures lie hidden in the corners of our beds: a stuffed animal. For some, it might be a Pillow Pet from our childhoods. So, it's time to figure out what Pillow Pet you are based on your zodiac sign. Be sure to check out your sun, moon and rising signs for the best reading!

Aries- Admirable Aries, you are the Ms. Ladybug Pillow Pet, from the original line. Although she's no longer made, she's perfect for your personality. Her fluttering around will match your energetic nature!

Taurus- Tender Taurus, you enjoy the more luxurious things in life, so you are Barb the Pink Highland Cow. She is the newest addition to the Pillow Pet line-up, and you deserve nothing but the best and newest. You'll take the comfiest of naps on her long fur!

Gemini- Gentle Gemini, no one loves socializing more than you, and since there isn't a butterfly Pillow Pet (yet), the next best option is the Fairy Cow Pillow Pet! Like you, she's playful and fun. You'll have the best of adventures together!

Cancer- Compassionate Cancer, you are the Teddy Turtle Pillow Pet. You're protective of yourself, and like Teddy Turtle, you have a hard shell surrounding your soft emotional side. Even though you're less willing to share your emotions, you still have a smile on your face.

Leo- Loveable Leo, you are the Magical Unicorn Pillow Pet. From the very start of the original Pillow Pet line, you have been the center of the attention. You're creative, and what inspires creativity better than a unicorn?

Virgo- Vibrant Virgo, you are the Sweet Scented Strawberry Cow Pillow Pet. Your delicate and sensitive nature makes this Pillow Pet for you. Be sure to check out the Strawberry Cow trend on TikTok!

Libra- Lively Libra, you are the Kyra Kangaroo Pillow Pet and Joey. You're all about balance and equilibrium; you'd rather die than be forced to have an argument. Like how Kyra protects her Joey, you protect the peace. We're all very grateful for you.

Scorpio- Sweet Scorpio, no one is more mysterious than you which means you have to be the Wild Fox Pillow Pet. Like you, no one knows what he does with his free time, and we're not quite sure we want to! Nonetheless, you'll make the best pals!

Sagittarius- Super Sagittarius, you are the most knowledgeable of the signs, so it only makes sense that you are the Ollie Owl Pillow Pet. The owls are often considered the wisest animal which means while you're dreaming, he'll be filling your brain with facts for your next test.

Capricorn- Caring Capricorn, you are the Comfy Panda Pillow Pet. Your Earth sign and balanced nature makes this one the only Pillow Pet for you. Like you, the panda can be a little stubborn, but we love you anyway!

Aquarius- Astonishing Aquarius, we all know you love your alone time, so you are the Sweet Scented Chocolate Moose Pillow. When the world gets too much, you'll drift off to sleep with the smell of Etown's campus (at least when the wind is right and the farms don't get in the way).

Pisces- Playful Pisces, you are the Nutty Elephant Pillow Pet. You're often considered the most gentle sign, and so this gentle giant is perfect for you. Her numerous nature will make your next nap the best one yet.

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It's a pillow, it's a pet, it's a Pillow Pet! Read to find out who your new BFF is.

Club Feature: Red Cross Club

Meet the new Red Cross Club and learn about their upcoming social media campaign to help raise awareness

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Elizabethtown College boasts more than 80 active clubs and organizations available to students, according to the school's website. They span the full range of disciplines on campus and include interest-based groups for a variety of hobbies. This week, we'll take a look at one that is new to the roster as of the Spring 2023 semester: the Red Cross Club.

The club was founded by sophomore public health major Caitlyn Jensen during her first year on campus. She now serves as the president, planning and organizing various events in which members can participate.

Jensen applied for administration to officially approve the club after finding an appreciation for the Red Cross and the work they do for communities in need.

Her interest began with the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the Red Cross helped people around the world by providing counseling for families affected by the virus, supporting shelters for people in quarantine, providing food for those financially impacted and collecting blood and plasma donations, according to their website.

"I learned a lot about the need for blood products when COVID hit," Jensen said. "At one point, they were picking and choosing who got blood products because there were so few."

After researching the shortage and the issues it caused for healthcare workers and their patients, she was led to the landing page for the American Red Cross.

According to the American Red Cross website, their mission statement is "prevent[ing] and alleviat[ing] human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors." Jensen's Red Cross Club aims to fulfill the same role for Etown's own campus and beyond.

"I thought their mission tied in perfectly with Etown's 'educate for service,'" Jensen said.

Other officers of the club include sophomore Aurora Lefever as the vice president, sophomore Gillian Heyden as the treasurer and sophomore Shannon Brady as the secretary, with a total membership of about 20 students. The club is advised by Director of the Public Health Department Robert Aronson.

Last semester, the club invited speakers from the American Red Cross to discuss and educate students on international humanitarian law and its global effects on armed conflicts.

Additionally, students were able to learn about the history of the American Red Cross organization itself. Students were also given an opportunity to network with the speakers, who described numerous career opportunities for students within the organization.

"Our contact has connections for students who want to get experience in marketing, biomedical services... pretty much any service that the Red Cross offers, students can get involved with," Jensen said. "The Red Cross Club can also count for volunteer hours for the honors program."

Starting Sept. 20, the officers of the Red Cross Club will be hosting a social media campaign to raise awareness for sickle cell disease.

Students can participate by reading and sharing the informational posts made to the members' accounts on their own pages to spread the word.

Other events, including a blood drive and an opportunity for students to send winter holiday cards to veterans, will be hosted by the club later this academic year.

For more information about the club and its events, please email redcrossclub@etown.edu.

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Etown College offers the Red Cross Club on campus.

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Pictured here is vice president Gillian Heyden during the Club Fair earlier this semester.

Business Review: E-Yuan

Try out this classic Chinese food experience just down the street

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For this week's business review, I decided to review a local Elizabethtown restaurant, E-Yuan. E-Yuan is a small Chinese restaurant located directly on South Market Street at 39 S Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA which is within walking distance from the Etown campus. They pride themselves on their comfortable atmosphere and variety of food options.

Inside the restaurant there are a small number of tables to choose from, and the atmosphere has a relaxed feel with a lot of traditional Chinese decorations. When looking at their menu, there are a wide range of foods that even include vegetarian options. E-Yuan is priced on the lower to average end of the spectrum, and they give more than enough for what you pay for. The meal options here range from around $10 to around $14 for the dinner portions and around $9 for the lunch portions. They also have all-day servings of small or large portions that range in price as well.

This past weekend my friends and I went to visit E-Yuan. I ordered the sesame chicken, which was delicious, and it came with fried rice. My friends ordered lo mien and General Tso's chicken which we shared among each other to sample a bit of different items from the menu. Each of the items that were ordered were large portions and had excellent flavor profiles. The General Tso's chicken was not extremely spicy, so it was still enjoyable to eat for those that didn't have much experience with spicy food. Also, because of the large order, the owner gave us a full appetizer of six crab rangoons for free.

In the past when ordering from E-Yuan, I have also received free appetizer items when placing a larger order, so it is safe to say that this restaurant is very generous with their food. Over the past couple of times that I have gone here, there have always been leftovers from what I ordered along with what my friends ordered, so there is enough for two meals in the dinner portion. You can also get portions of just the main meal and get the rice and lo mien as sides, all of which give you at least two servings. They also have the classic Chinese doughnuts that are served in portions of 10 for a shareable dessert.

This restaurant has a website under the name of "Etowneyuan" where you can look at the menu and get the phone number to place an order for pickup. They are open Tuesday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Unfortunately, they do not have an Etown student discount, but with the reasonable prices and large portions, it is definitely worth going to E-Yuan for some delicious Chinese food. E-Yuan is also on DoorDash, so if you do not have a vehicle to get to the restaurant or do not feel comfortable walking, you can look through the menu through the app and place an order for delivery.

Photo courtesy of Lux Hileman
If you're looking for a bite to eat, E-Yuan has dishes that are both affordable and delicious.

Elizabethtown College History Fact

Schlosser Residence Hall was built in 1966 and named after Ralph Wiest Schlosser, who served as the Etown's president from 1928 to 1941, among other roles. Throughout his time at the college, he helped to increase the diversity of courses and extracurriculars offered.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on Schlosser Residence Hall by Jennifer Lloyd.

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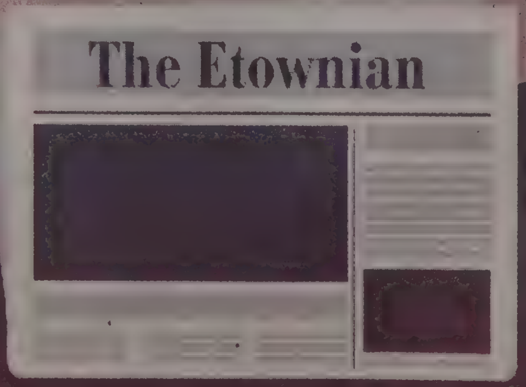

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Welcome to the Jungle

Meet freshman Lindy Stoner's rescue guinea pigs Pearl and Sandy, and hear about their adorable friendship

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Meet Pearl and Sandy, first-year Lindy Stoner's guinea pigs! Earlier this year, Stoner and her family started looking for pet guinea pigs to adopt. Instead of getting them from a generic pet store, Stoner's father found an ad on Craigslist for two guinea pigs that needed rescuing. Their previous owner sadly couldn't afford to take care of them anymore, but Pearl and Sandy fortunately found a new home with the Stoner family in March 2023.

Pearl is two years old, and she's as loveable as ever. She's a true homebody who loves to snuggle up and nap, especially with her family. Her favorite food is nectarines, perfectly complementing her sweet personality.

Sandy, however, is only ten months old, and she's as hyper as a puppy. Energetic and spunky, Sandy loves to sprint around in circles when let out to play. Her favorite food is bananas with the peel, an unusual combination for such a unique guinea pig.

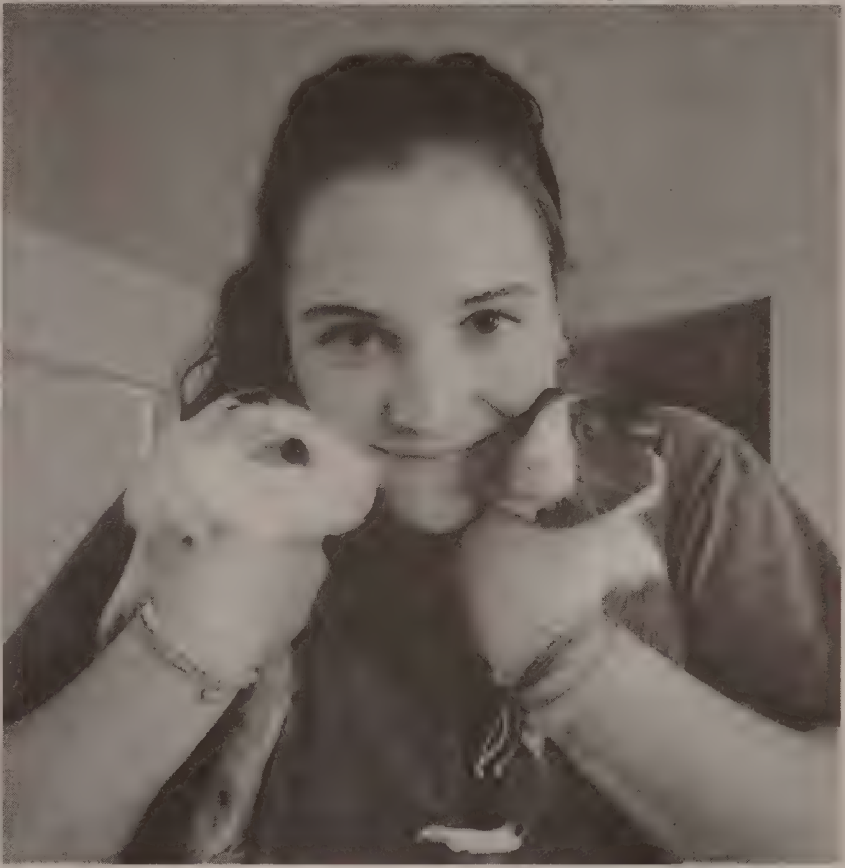
While Sandy and Pearl are polar opposites, they highly enjoy each other's company. "I like their personalities because they complement each other well," Stoner said. "They like to get each other's attention to play. Sandy is hyper and Pearl is mellow, so they balance each other out."

As many may know, guinea pigs require companionship. When Pearl and Sandy were living in an environment unfit for their physical needs, they had each other to keep them company, and that bond remained strong through the rescue process. Despite their differences, Pearl and Sandy are each other's best friends. Pearl's gentleness balances out with Sandy's rambunctiousness, while Sandy's hyperactivity prompts Pearl to play with her. These two love to release their energy by fighting over food. For example, when Pearl is given a banana, Sandy will steal it from her or vice versa. Although they have a tendency to be naughty, as many pets do, they are truly sweet at heart. Pearl and Sandy love to snuggle with each other under a towel, which Stoner's brother cleverly refers to as a "pig taco."

Instead of getting them from a store, Stoner and her family truly valued giving these guinea pigs a second chance. Because they rescued them, they saved them from malnourishment, disease and neglect, providing them with a loving and nurturing home. When Stoner and her family first set eyes on Pearl and Sandy, they knew that they were destined to become a part of their family. "I'm glad that I could give them a new home," Stoner said.

These guinea pigs are a vibrant source of energy and happiness for the Stoner family. While some may believe that guinea pigs are too much of a hassle to take care of, Stoner believes otherwise. "I really didn't think that guinea pigs could have so much personality," Stoner noted. "I was kind of expecting them to sit in their cage and do nothing, but they bring so much life and joy to my family."

Pearl and Sandy were named after the iconic SpongeBob characters, Pearl Krabs and Sandy Cheeks. Pearl, having more white fur than Sandy, was named after the lighter-colored whale, while Sandy, having predominantly brown fur, was named after the brown squirrel.



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Rescue guinea pigs Peal and Sandy love to snuggle each other in a "pig taco."

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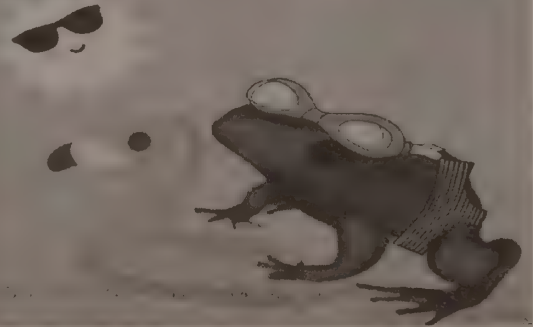

Media Review

Read about Artist Noah Kahan's new album "Stick Season"

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Lately, all I've heard people talk about is the artist Noah Kahan, so I decided to give him a listen. Born on Jan. 1, 1997, Kahan is an American singer-songwriter who primarily makes indie/folk music. Kahan released his first single "Hold It Down" in 2017. He's released many others between the first one and his fourth and latest album "Stick Season (We'll All Be Here Forever)". Personally, I've only heard his songs "Mess" from his 2019 album "Busyhead" and "Dial Drunk" from his newest album.

Both are five-star songs that I think everyone should give a shot. I haven't listened to much more apart from those two and some others from his most recent album, but I have a feeling they'll all be good.

Now, I'm not the type of person to follow the hype surrounding artists, books, movies, etc., but one of his songs came on in my car while on shuffle, and let me tell you it was good. "Dial Drunk" was the song that shuffled its way onto my playlist. It's from his 2023 album "Stick Season (We'll All Be Here Forever)". The song took us through him getting arrested and calling a girl from his past as his emergency phone call. He talks about all the mistakes he made in the past.

Kahan takes listeners on a whirlwind of emotions through the bridge when he pleads with the officer to just wait for her to call him back. He tells the officer he's pretty much willing to do anything including "change [his] faith, [he'll] kiss the badge" just for the chance to wait for her to call him back. "Dial Drunk" took me on an emotional roller coaster and has given me chills every time I have listened to it so far.

I'd have to say that Kahan is most definitely worth the hype that surrounds him. As someone who likes a mix of different music genres, his music is going to be something I will listen to more when I'm in a folk phase. His songs carry an immense amount of emotion.

Like I said, I haven't heard much of his music, but based on what I hear from others, and the few songs I listened to, he's a good singer-songwriter who deserves the attention he's getting. So, if you're a lover of folk, indie or you like to bounce around genres, I suggest you give Kahan a listen.

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Noah Kahan's newest album "Stick Season (We'll All Be Here Forever) transports listeners to the foggy backroads of New England where Kahan grew up.

Debate of the Week

Which do you prefer for breakfast, sweet or savory?

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Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so you have to choose what you eat wisely. Sweet or savory? A common question asked about our favorite snacks, but what about breakfast? Whether it's french toast or bacon, pancakes or scrambled eggs, everyone has a preference, and the decision could make or break the rest of the day!

First, let's discuss the options. When the sweet students were asked about what they choose for breakfast, there was a lot of talk about pancakes, waffles, donuts and french toast. The savory students said they eat any type of eggs, bacon, sausage or potatoes. Our preferences may come from the type of foods we ate growing up or even based on the dinner we ate the night before. Regardless, breakfast foods are always a favorite, no matter the type. When polled about the subject, a group of Elizabethtown College students strongly favored a sweet breakfast; the results came in 17 to 7–a landslide!

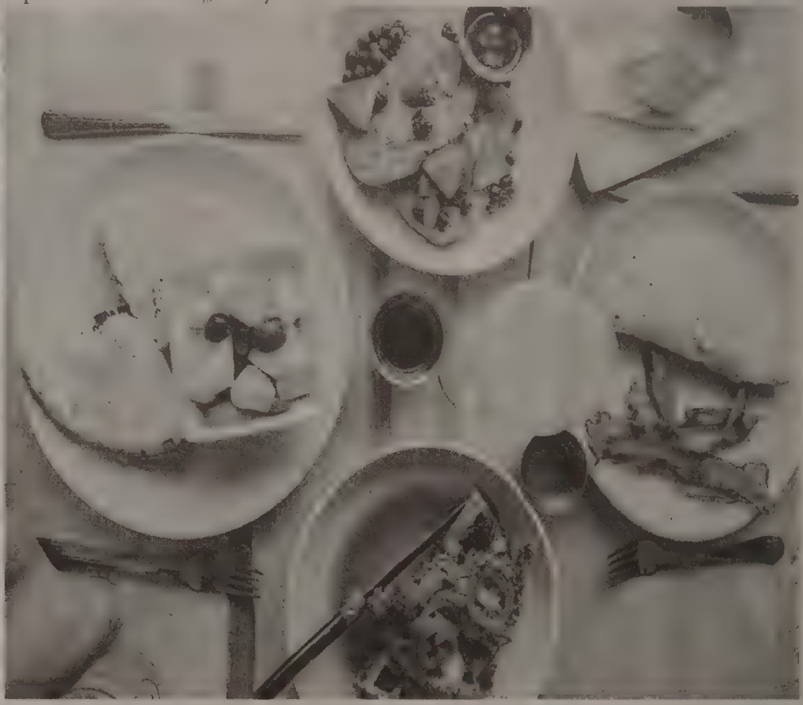
Some people claim that a salty, savory breakfast is better because it's healthier and tends to have more protein. However, anyone could make a super sweet, protein-packed breakfast that's just as good as the savory ones. Ultimately, we're all going to have different go-to foods, but it's still interesting to see which side of the argument our peers will be on.

Waking up for an 8 a.m. class means breakfast is necessary. A quick stop at the Marketplace beforehand is a must. For first-year student Jillian Spiller, a plate of chocolate chip pancakes with strawberries is the perfect start to the day.

"It adds a little bit of sweetness in the morning," Spiller said. Sometimes all you need in the morning is something sweet to boost your energy.

On the other hand, another first-year student Teddy Bazyar claimed that savory is the way to go. For them, this is the best way to get energized before the day begins. A lot of people, like Bazyar, agree that a load of sugar first thing in the morning does not sound appetizing. That can be saved for dessert later in the day.

Personally, I like to have both in the morning, and I'm sure lots of people fall into this part of the sweet and salty spectrum too. A sweet plate of french toast with maple syrup and a side of eggs and bacon is the perfect combination. What side are you on? Are you running to the omelet station or the waffle station first?



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There are plenty of options for breakfast, whether or not you prefer sweet treats or savory eats.

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Blue Jays fall short in doubleheader

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The Elizabethtown women's volleyball team traveled to Carlisle, Pa. on Saturday, Sept. 16 for a doubleheader. The team took a loss in both matches, falling short two sets to three against Dickinson College and again against Washington & Jefferson College, moving to 3-5 on the season.

The first match of the day for the Jays kicked off at 12 p.m. against Dickinson College. This one was the definition of a back and forth affair. Each team traded blows, going the distance of five sets.

Etown took an early advantage, taking the first set 25-20. Junior outside hitter Savannah Lesley was unstoppable in the early going. Her five kills in the first set led the team. Etown lost the second set, though. The team fell behind early but kept things interesting. However, they wouldn't be able to keep up as Dickinson would put together a string of five straight points that would ultimately put the set out of reach, eventually taking the set 25-20.

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Junior Savannah Lesley and senior Katie Scaggs go up for block.

The next two sets were much of the same story. The Blue Jays gained some early momentum. It seemed like every member of the team was contributing, pushing the issue and forcing errors on the opposing end, as they'd win this one 25-19. However, they couldn't put their opponent away in the fourth set. It looked as if Etown was about to secure the win up 23-22 late too. They would let the set slip through their grasp though, as Dickinson would win three straight points to force a fifth and final set.

Unfortunately, the Jays ran out of gas in the fifth set. The team committed several errors in the final set that would put them at too much of a deficit to make up. They would lose six of the last seven points, dropping the deciding set 15-9.

The Jays looked to rebound later in the day against Washington & Jefferson College at 3 p.m. Once again, the teams on the court put together another match. Neither team could get too far out in front, going point for point with each other.

The first set was truly a game of runs. On six different occasions, one team would go on a streak of three straight points, but each time the opponent would find a way to climb back into it. Ultimately, the Jays dropped the opening set, 25-23. It was a quick turnaround from that set to the next two. Etown would go up two sets to one after winning back-to-back sets, 25-21 and 25-20. Junior outside hitter Karlee Ray found her stride at this point, helping her team pull in front.

Unfortunately, Etown stumbled in the fourth set. With a chance to notch a win, the Jays were unable to hold Washington & Jefferson at bay. The opponent made sure there would be a fifth set after earning an impressive win, 25-17. The final set was much more of a nailbiter. Neither team was willing to let the moment slip away from them, keeping pace with the other. The tides would finally turn in the late moments. With things knotted up at 12, Etown came up short after Washington & Jefferson rallied for three straight to win it 15-12.

Regardless, it was a good effort from the Blue Jays. Lesley combined for 33 kills on the day, sophomore setter Jena Minnick set teammates up well all day, tallying 44 assists over the two matches, and sophomore right side setter Kate Barbon dashed all over the court, helping the team in any way possible. A tough day as the team moves to 3-5, but they'll have the chance to bounce back on Thursday, Sept. 21 against Haverford College at home at 7:30 p.m.

How to improve your diet and benefits of vegetables

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As the student body of Elizabethtown College slowly makes its way towards gaining their diplomas and taking their first steps into the real world, understanding how to take care of oneself becomes critical. Self-care comes in various forms, like budgeting, developing hobbies and cleanliness. However, a crucial form of self-care is maintaining physical health with proper dieting and exercising. However, people may avoid eating healthy foods like vegetables–whether this arises from a picky palate or disliking their taste–and miss out on the plethora of benefits gained from the regular consumption of these foods. As such, this article intends to review reasons why one should include more vegetables in their diet.

However, we must first consider what makes vegetables the superfoods people regard them as. Everyone hears about the health benefits of vegetables at one point or another, and this knowledge came about due to the plethora of nutrients present in their composition. Specifically, according to Aguilera and Benitez, they feature compounds known as "Phytochemicals" that can lessen the odds of "[…] several chronic diseases, [such as]… diabetes, and cancer…" These substances provide us with a rationale as to why vegetables are healthy; they elongate one's lifespan by lowering the odds of developing diseases!

Additionally, vegetables also deliver a variety of compounds needed for our bodies to function properly. Harvard Health says vitamins are critical to several functions, like bone health and eyesight, required to keep your body running optimally, and minerals are used throughout the body to help with processes involving blood cells. One will typically come across these compounds in commonplace foods, but nutrients like vitamins and minerals can be found in significant quantities throughout vegetables like celery, carrots and spinach, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The nutrients that persevere throughout vegetables do more than prove their status as healthy foods!

Of course, it's important to note that everything one can do for their health is best done in moderation. One cannot consume nothing but vegetables and expect to become the world's healthiest person alive because the human body needs time to process the nutrients. The research from Harvard Health also tells us that when one consumes more vitamins than they need in a day, the excess either gets stored away in the body for a later date or can become toxic. While the former is rather innocuous, the latter could develop into serious health problems. For example, an excess of sodium can cause high blood pressure.

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Vegetables have proven to be beneficial for one's health due to their nutrients.

Another factor that should be considered when it comes to incorporating vegetables into one's diet comes from how exactly one physically adds them to their meals. One could try eating a stick of celery raw, but vegetables are not exactly known to be the most flavorful thing to those who haven't grown up regularly consuming them. Thankfully, a variety of preparation and cooking methods that can either enhance or disguise the flavor of vegetables! Broccoli can become crisp and tender when cooked for just the right amount of time, stir-fries allow for various combinations of vegetables and sauces, and a little salt and pepper can enhance even the blandest of dishes. The ways one can increase the palatability of vegetables is like the health benefits one can receive from the increased consumption of veggies: near infinite!

Field hockey notches third win in dominant fashion

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This past Friday, Sept. 15, the Elizabethtown College field hockey team (3-2, 1-0 LC) traveled to their first in-conference game of the season at Lycoming College (2-3, 0-1 LC). The Jays certainly showed up, with a shutout three-to-nil victory over the home side. Junior defender Megan Meyer opened the scoring near the end of the first quarter via an assist from sophomore defender Rachel Troutman, this being Meyer's first career goal and Troutman's first career assist.

The Jays' success did not end here, however: sophomore forward Drew Bridges scored the first of her two goals in the second quarter, slotting it in cross-goal from the right side of the pitch into the left corner of the goal.

Etown's domination of the first half wasn't just in scoring; they didn't allow Lycoming a single shot in the half and only conceded two corners compared to the six they had. Moving into the second half, Lycoming only managed to get off two shots versus Etown's game total of thirteen, with eleven of those on target.

The third quarter had no goals from either team, however, just a minute into the fourth Bridges netted her second goal via a 1-on-1 breakaway. The Jays secured the clean sheet, possessing the ball for the remainder of the fourth quarter and not allowing any shots from Lycoming.

This game was a good rebound for the team, coming off a tough two-nil loss at Haverford. Hopefully, this dominant performance makes a reappearance as they continue the road this Wednesday at Wilson College (5-1) (Chambersburg, Pa.). While their away record isn't extremely promising, things seem to be moving in a forward direction. Coming into the season with a new formation, the team is becoming more and more acclimated to their new shape and playing within it.

Their next few games will be challenging. The game against Wilson is on grass, a less common and unfamiliar surface for our Jays; however, first-year defender Lorna Oldt is optimistic: "We just have to stay connected in the back and finish our chances in front of the cage, then we should be set for a good performance Wednesday."

While scoring can be a challenge for the team, it is not entirely elusive. The Jays have two 3-0 wins and one 2-1, three multi-goal games in total, with five different goal scorers in these games.

The Etown field hockey team's season should be favorable, with playoffs run in their future. The more they play, the better they work as a team and within their shape, and the better results they'll see on the pitch.

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Sophomore defender Rachel Troutman readies to send pass upfield.

2023 MLB postseason frontrunners

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There is nothing like the Major League Baseball (MLB) postseason. After a grueling 162 game season, teams will have the opportunity to prove themselves on one of the biggest stages of all: the World Series. And with less than a month to go in the league's regular season, that feeling of October baseball is drawing near. Although there's still baseball to be played, there are several teams that have solidified themselves as contenders. Buckle up for a wild ride; it's time to take a look at the front runners for this year's Fall Classic.

The Atlanta Braves are the talk of the league this year, and it's easy to see why. They have already clinched a playoff berth and the National League (NL) East title. When you look at their team, it starts with one man, outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. He has wreaked havoc on opposing pitchers in every way possible. He's the likely Most Valuable Player (MVP), as he's on pace to slug 40 homers and steal 70 bags, a feat that's never been achieved. Atlanta has stars all over and should take the number one seed in the postseason and is the favorite to take home the World Series trophy this fall.

The chase for the number one seed isn't over though. Not if the Los Angeles Dodgers have anything to say about it. No stranger to the postseason, the Dodgers have had this postseason thing figured out for a while. Manager Dave Roberts is headed back to the playoffs for an eighth consecutive time, winning the NL West once again, and has a strong supporting cast. This cast is led by Mookie Betts, who is also making a solid MVP case. The superstar outfielder has launched over 40 homers and driven in over 100 runs, doing it from the leadoff spot. Every team needs a go-to guy to turn to in the postseason, and Betts is more than ready to be that guy for Los Angeles.

The Baltimore Orioles have written one of the more inspirational stories in baseball this season. After struggling year after year, Charm City looks to have competitive baseball back in Camden Yards. It's a young group of guys, but they have shown that they're here to stay. Led by franchise cornerstone, catcher Adley Rutschman and rookie of the year frontrunner, infielder Gunnar Henderson, the team has taken the American League (AL) by storm, holding the best record. They've faced some adversity, like when their flamethrowing closer Félix Bautista went down due to injury, but have managed to keep their head above water. While inexperience might play a factor, the world will see where the Orioles steer this ship come playoff time.

The Tampa Bay Rays are right in the Orioles rearview mirror, matching them step for step. Unlike the O's, Tampa Bay has postseason experience. It seems like whatever squad manager Kevin Cash and his coaching staff are given will always be a big-time contender. Going back for a fifth postseason run, the team is aided by the energy radiating from outfielder Randy Arozarena. The 28-year-old is a nightmare for any team, making plays all over the diamond. This team also has the pitching to go far, headed by starter Tyler Glasnow and a sturdy bullpen. Maybe, this will finally be the year for the Rays.

Those are your top four teams in baseball right now, but there are a few other contenders that are bound to make noise this fall. Of course, the Philadelphia Phillies and Houston Astros top that list. Both teams have returned to their winning ways and are well on their way to making the postseason. However, once the postseason takes off, it's anyone's ballgame. Next week, we'll take a look at the sleepers for this year's postseason.

Atlanta Braves

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The Atlanta Braves are the favorites for this year's World Series and for good reason.

ORIOLE PARK
at
CAMDEN YARDS

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Camden Yards is ready to rock as the Baltimore Orioles head back to postseason for the first time since 2016.

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Homecoming brings favorite events for alumni

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The leaves are turning gold, there's a pleasant breeze in the air and the smell of pumpkin spice is inescapable. That's right Jays: it is fall once more. This is a very special time of year on the Elizabethtown College campus. While the stress of midterms is hanging over us, it is also a time to celebrate. Many popular events are making their way onto our schedules, with the largest coming in just a few short weeks.

Homecoming and Family Weekend is being held from Friday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 15. The College has all hands on deck to ensure preparations are being made to make this a weekend to remember, not just for alumni, but students as well.

The schedule of events is easily accessible online and includes favorites such as bingo on Friday. There will also be a performance by Mad Cow Improv in the Koons Activity Venue (KAV) that evening at 7 p.m.

If you find yourself around College Avenue on Saturday around 11 a.m., you will be witness to one of homecoming's highlights: the kick-off parade. The parade features floats designs built by different student groups fitting different themes, this year's being "Fairytales."

A main attraction for returning alumni is the ever-popular Oktoberfest, a celebration on Brinser Field exclusive to former students.

The exclusivity of alumni events has come into focus recently, as current students in recent years have felt a disconnect with Homecoming. Many argue the weekend focuses too heavily on activities for returners and not enough for current members of campus.

"I feel like a lot of the activities besides the parade and the fair are for alumni, like Oktoberfest and the trivia in bars, and meet-ups with old teachers. Which is good for them to have, but we have bingo, and it feels like that's it. I don't think the alumni should get less. I just think it would be good for us to also have something more to do," senior Faith Sheppard explained .

The Etownian sat down with Chair of the Institutional Traditions Committee senior Abigail Lindsay, to get her perspective on the issue.

"I think it is absolutely something the College should work towards improving, on the student side… I think it is difficult, if you don't have family or friends coming back for Homecoming, or you aren't super involved on campus," Lindsay said.

She continued with further recommendations for the event.

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Board of Trustees appoints new members

Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

The College Board of Trustees has final say over major College decisions including purpose, policies and budgets.

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Effective July 1, the Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees appointed three new members: Dr. Gerald Baer, Dr. Albert Granger and Robert Sands.

Baer obtained a Bachelor of Science in biology from Etown and then attended the Pennsylvania College of Medicine, where he received his doctorate. He currently works as a Family Practice Specialist with Penn Medicine-Lancaster General Hospital.

Granger graduated from Etown with a degree in biology and has a degree from the Howard University of Dentistry. He is a founding partner and owner of Premier Endodontics of Long Island and in 2007 he received the Dr. Charles S. Farver Apgar and Dr. Bessie D. Apgar Biology Alumni Award due to his outstanding contributions to the success of students.

Granger had a tenured term for the Board of Trustees from 2008-2021 and was granted another term.

Sands has a bachelor's in accounting from Etown and an MBA in finance from Columbia University.

He then became the partner and vice chairman of financial services for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), and he has been on the Elizabethtown College Leadership Council since 2014 and established his own scholarship.

"We are thrilled to have three new Trustees join our Board with innovative and dynamic professional backgrounds to offer their expertise and talents as we work to effectively govern and leverage the institution," Elizabethtown College Board of Trustees Chair Michael Spangler said.

While members of the board are excited about the changes happening within the board, some students are not sure what the board accomplishes.

"I don't really know what the board does–they don't deal with stuff that interacts with the students directly very often, so I mostly hear about them when something that'll hit me seven layers of administration later happens," senior multicultural human services major Judas Foster said.

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The College creates Blue Jay Discount Program

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The Blue Jay Discount Program is exactly what it sounds like: a discount program for Elizabethtown College students, faculty and staff. From cafes to ice cream or candy shops to studios and dining, a number of businesses located throughout Etown are participating in this program to offer year-round discounts.

By showing their student ID, Blue Jays can save between ten and 15 percent at places like Figments in Sprinkles, Lucky Ducks Bar and Grille, Knock Knock Boutique and Evo 206 Coffee Co.—all of which are within walking distance of the school's campus. By driving a little further out, they can even get a discount at Pizzatown and Whisk Cafe, and Sloan's Pharmacy offers free shipping to the College.

. A full list of participating businesses can be found on the College's website.

The history and intention of this program can be explained by Director of Community Affairs Caroline Lavani and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Commuter Engagement Brooke Hollinger. Lavani and Hollinger are two individuals vital to this operation. Lavani was a player in a previous discount program, known as the Passport Program.

She explains how there was "less effort to keep it going after COVID" and hoped to reestablish it, encouraged by the high student and faculty demand, as well as the strong community interest.

Hollinger similarly saw these trends:

"I oversee commuters and OSA (Office of Student Activities) and I wanted to provide a list to students during Welcome Week, so they were aware of the businesses around us that provide discounts to encourage them to stick around Etown... I reached out to Caroline because I knew there used to be the passport program; and within a week we had prepped everything and sent out an email to the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce to have businesses submit their information. This started out with just a thought and has bloomed into something so much more!"

Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

Students at the College can save up to 15 percent at businesses within the local community.

The process for recruiting businesses is simpler than one might imagine, as businesses want to be a part of this relationship. Lavani describes the process as, "We send them a letter and have a link to a form for them to fill out...promoting them through the Etown Chamber of Commerce." The Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce describes themselves as "a vibrant and influential organization dedicated to promoting economic growth and fostering a strong business community" who "serves as a catalyst for connecting local businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals, facilitating meaningful partnerships and collaborations."

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Apple has finally released the next generation of iPhones. Included in the new selection are the iPhone 15, starting at $799 and the iPhone 15 Pro, starting at $999. They are quite pricey, but if you have an iPhone 11 or higher, you can get $200-$650 in credit towards a 15. The pre-orders began on Sept. 15, and they began being sold in stores last Friday, Sept. 22.

These smartphones have the same sleek build as its most recent predecessors. The standard model sports an aluminum body with a glass back. It is currently available in five colors: black, blue, green, yellow and pink. The Pro model, on the other hand, is taking a brand new direction in its build. Instead of an aluminum body, the pro is made of titanium, which Apple claims makes it a light yet strong smartphone. The customization options for the Pro are less colorful: consumers have the option between blue, white, black and natural titanium bodies.

One notable aspect of the iPhone 15 lineup is the new charging port. In lieu of the old Lightning cable (which was frustrating to use in the sense that only worked for iPhones and was the only cable that was compatible with iPhones), these and every future Apple device will be compatible with USB-C cables. This decision is less of a voluntary surrender of its complete market control over its chargers and more because of a law set by the European Union (EU). In Dec.r 2022, the EU decided that, for consumer convenience, all small electronic devices must have USB-C ports.

A 48-megapixel camera also sets the iPhone 15 apart from older models. The 2X Telephoto lens allows the user to take zoomed-in photos without compromising camera quality. In portrait mode, shifting the focus between subjects can be done just by tapping the screen–even after the photo is taken.

On the line of software changes, the most noticeable one is the new Dynamic Island feature. According to Apple's website, it "bubbles up alerts and Live Activities–so you don't miss them while you're doing something else." Basically, it's a more involved notification system. If you're waiting for your rideshare, you will know how far away your driver is. If you're waiting for a flight and need to triple-check that you're at the correct gate, Dynamic Island is right there at the top of your screen.

Dynamic Island is sure to be useful, but it's hard to find someone who will label it as anything more than mediocre. In his review of the iPhone 14 Pro, which also used the feature, Josh Ginter at The Sweet Setup called Dynamic Island "kind of neat, but not something you should upgrade… for."

Overall, the new iPhone line isn't too different from last year's 14. There is a major difference in performance quality, though, as the 15 comes with an A16 Bionic processor. This gives the new smartphone a faster and smoother quality of graphics. In addition, iOS 17 will come with the new phone. This operating system upgrade includes numerous convenience features. For example, NameDrop is a way to quickly exchange contact information. Live voicemail shows a transcript when someone leaves you a message. A fun new personalization feature is the Contact Poster, which shows your custom poster to someone you're calling.

If these new features sound appealing, then the iPhone 15 or the iPhone 15 Pro might be for you. Tens of millions of units have been sold already. Will you buy one too?

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Board of Trustees must be alums, invited by the College

Although information about the board is available on the College's websites, students may not seek out that information.

The most people hear about the board is typically when the College has a new president, or when one resigns as in previous years.

Sophomore psychology major Percy Lachman was in a similar position when asked what they knew about the board, "I know I've heard about it before, but I honestly can't say I know what the Board of Trustees does–it's just a title with no context to me."

College leadership works extraordinarily closely with the Board.

Liaison to the Board of Trustees and Vice President for Marketing, Communications and External Relations Keri Straub explained a lot of the questions surrounding the board by stating that they "serve as the institution's governing body and they meet with the President and Senior Leadership Team annually in October, February and April. The Board has final legislative authority in all matters pertaining to the purpose of the College and the policies for fulfilling the statement of purpose."

Members of the Board of Trustees must be graduates of the College who are invited by the institution due to significantly benefiting it. Many of the members of the board at Etown are former or current presidents or owners of businesses in the area like White Family Dental, Richard D. Poole Inc, Community First Fund and the Riverhorse Group.

Therefore, they have experience managing the successes of larger systems.

Since they are graduates of the College and familiar with it, they understand and value the purposes that the College has adopted over the years.

Furthermore, Straub explained that "among the board's primary functions are selecting the president of the College, developing and sustaining the philosophy and policies of the College, setting the costs of tuition and fees, adopting the annual budget and approving plans for developing and maintaining the physical plant."

By maintaining the budget, they must balance benefiting the general population of the college and its contributors. The College's successes may be impacted by where the budget goes for that upcoming academic year.

In general, while it makes sense that students would not be aware of all of the higher-ups, that does not devalue what the Board of Trustees does and what each election they have signifies.

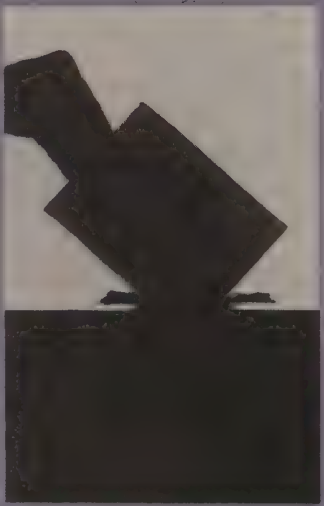
The people that have final legislative authority in the decisions being made at the College matter, and who they are influences the choices that are made.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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Pennsylvania has been a battleground state for decades and President Joe Biden has visited nearly 30 times since taking office. It makes sense for Biden to visit the state now—he's not battling in a primary.

Presidential primaries in Pennsylvania typically are not hotly contested, with Pennsylvanians making their picks after Super Tuesday, when the majority of states vote in the preliminary round. This year, the primary date will likely change, but how much earlier it's pushed is still up for debate.

Pennsylvania typically holds its primaries on the fourth Tuesday in April, but this year's date coincides with the Jewish holiday Passover, during which observers avoid activities like driving, going to work and using electricity. This could impact a large portion of Pennsylvania's population, and Democrat Gov. Josh Shapiro, who is Jewish, said he supports a change of date.

Last week, the state Senate passed a bill to move the primary up by five weeks to March 19. Not only would this date avoid Passover, but it would give voters a larger say in who the eventual nominee will be. The date still comes after Super Tuesday.

Lawmakers have long resisted a change in primaries, saying it would move the election cycle, typically 13 weeks, into the holiday season. The bill would change that, compressing the season into just 11 weeks.

Elections are largely run by county officials, who have no vote in the date change. They've expressed concerns over how the new date would shake out, and if they'd have enough time to change their plans.

The bill would still have to be approved by the state House and signed into law by Shapiro.

Who's voting in the primaries is another issue.

On Sept. 18 the last five governors of Pennsylvania: Govs. Tom Wolf, Tom Corbett, Ed Rendell, Mark Schweiker and Tom Ridge all signed a letter petitioning for open primaries, which would allow independent votes to cast their ballot.

Only nine states, including Pennsylvania, have closed primaries. Voters can only participate in the primary for their registered party, leaving nearly one million independent and unaffiliated voters in Pennsylvania behind.

Some open primaries not only allow independent and unaffiliated voters to cast ballots but allow crossover voting, in which a member of one party votes in the other party's elections.

In semi-closed primaries, voters registered for a political party may only vote in their party's primaries, while other voters can choose which party's primary to vote in.

Opening primaries has been a hot-button topic in recent memory, but a bill has yet to make it through the Pennsylvania legislature. Now, with a divided legislature, that could change.

Regardless of the primary debate, Oct. 23 is still the final day to register to vote before the Nov. 7 election this year. All Pennsylvanians can request a mail-in ballot with no excuse required, including college students.

To register to vote or request a mail-in ballot, visit vote.pa.gov.

Homecoming looks different, has same draw

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"If you aren't into the sports games or the alumni games, there isn't a ton to do in the afternoon. There could be more draws in the midday for current students," Lindsay said.

There are reasons for why the alumni are such an important aspect of the Homecoming, though, and an interview with Director of Alumni Relations Evan Brock, shed some light on that.

"One of the big forms of income for the College is philanthropy, from alumni specifically. The starting point of philanthropy from alumni is engaging them in events. They want to see the space grow and thrive. Having an engaged alumni body shows that we are an active and thriving college and one that maintains a deep connection with former students," Brock said.

On the topic of balancing the old with the new, this year's homecoming court may look a little different.

A change that has been "a long time coming" according to Lindsay, is the change from gender-separated ballots for King/Queen, to a more open court.

"We made it to either spot capable of being filled regardless of your identity... I think the switch was needed so every student, regardless of how they identified, felt they had a spot if they wanted it. It is the same in terms of numbers, but instead of 3 male and 3 female-identifying students, it is 6 spots per class," Lindsay said.

While homecoming may begin to look different as the years go on, we can hope those changes are the kind that makes students and alumni both feel included as part of our community.

This is an issue filled with opportunities for growth and bonding, as opposed to animosity. It continues to bring together the entire campus for a fun fall weekend and provides something each year to look forward to.

New program encourages community engagement

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Senior Director of Marketing at the Office of Marketing and Communications Austin Crull noted that "business[es] can register their interest in being a part of the program by contacting the College through the email provided on the Discount Program webpage." In addition to this form, Hollinger explained how "we also ask if they have employment, internship or volunteer opportunities for our students. Our motto is 'Educate for Service', and this program helps us further that within the community."

However, Lavani excitedly noted that they are "working on a plan to include businesses that aren't in the commerce... wanting to expand to beyond downtown" and involve bigger chains. She specifically intends to reach out to the new Dunkin Donuts that had recently opened in Etown, and mentioned Target, aware of the popularity of these retailers among students.

While this program allows students to save some money on tight budgets, it also allows students to engage with the local community and businesses. In Hollinger's words, "there are so many amazing businesses surrounding Elizabethtown College that want to be involved and engaged in their community. The Blue Jay Discount Program brings support to these businesses so they can keep thriving and contributing to the greater community while also providing an incentive to Elizabethtown College students, faculty, and staff." Lavani summed it up as "basically a program that enhances our partnership with the community and retail business...a benefit for students and staff."

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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An Azerbaijani military offensive in the ethnic Armenian-controlled territory of Nagorno-Karabakh on Tuesday, Sept. 19, raised concerns of a renewed violent conflict between the neighboring countries.

According to the New York Times, Armenian authorities reported that at least 200 people died from the Azerbaijani artillery and drone strikes. This included 10 civilians.

The Russian Defense Ministry announced that multiple Russian peacekeepers were also killed.

The Azerbaijani government claimed these attacks were directed to "restore the constitutional order of the Republic of Azerbaijan" and pursue "anti-terrorist activities." It also announced that only military installations and infrastructure were targeted, not intending for civilian injury.

Nagorno-Karabakh is internationally acknowledged as part of Azerbaijan. However, it is governed by unrecognized separatist Armenians, as many Armenians view this area as an ancestral homeland. It has been a disputed territory since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

After two days, Azerbaijan successfully took military control of Nagorno-Karabakh following the Armenian separatist government's surrender. Representatives from the two countries then met to negotiate the future of the disputed area for reintegration into Azerbaijan. According to the New York Times, delegates were escorted by Russian peacekeepers.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan implicitly criticized Russia for the lack of security in this region.

"If proper conditions are not created for the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh to live in their homes, and there are no effective protection mechanisms against ethnic cleansing, the likelihood is rising that the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh will see exile from their homeland as the only way to save their lives and identity," he said in a national address.

Over one thousand ethnic Armenians have fled Nagorno-Karabakh into Armenia over fears of persecution and ethnic cleansing. Most people are evacuating by car. However, over 120,000 Armenians live in this contested area, highlighting that a mass exodus may soon take place.

As a result of increasing concern, Armenia has called for a United Nations (UN) peacekeeping mission to begin in the area to safeguard the large group of ethnic Armenians in the region. Ethnic Armenian officials reported that thousands are currently without food, and some are forced to sleep in basements, schools or outside, according to the BBC.

"The international community should undertake all the efforts for an immediate deployment of an interagency mission by the UN to Nagorno-Karabakh with the aim to monitor and assess the human rights, humanitarian and security situation on the ground," Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia Ararat Mirzoyan said in a speech to the UN General Assembly.

Contrasting Armenia's alarm, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov has claimed that the country seeks to protect "all rights and freedoms" of those living in the disputed territory.

Just last month, the former chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court warned of Azerbaijani plans for an Armenian genocide in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. However, a lawyer representing Azerbaijan asserted that these claims were "fundamentally flawed."

Although Azerbaijan has emphasized its commitment to human rights, it is unknown if the government will honor these sentiments.

Business Buzz

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Feb. 15, 2022, the world stood still when Russian tanks first crossed the border into Ukraine, beginning the Russo-Ukrainian war. As the rest of the world started wondering what would happen, businesses and governments began preparing for economic impacts.

The war has impacted international business in so many ways. Ukraine is known as the breadbasket of Europe. Ukraine and Russia accounted for 25% and 19% of the world's corn and wheat shipments respectively. These nations' conflict has caused food prices to soar and could result in a possible food crisis. The faraway Republic of the Congo relies on these shipments because its population consumes 67% of wheat imported from the Black Sea.

Russia is the third-largest energy producer in the world, and the crude oil and gas industry is their primary source of revenue. Russia's primary consumers came from the Western powers, mainly Germany and France, accounting for 50% of the European Union's (EU) oil imports. There was also the construction of two oil pipelines connecting Russia and the EU. With the war continuing, the EU has placed several sanctions on Russia's exports, which have led to more demand than supply, causing an oil crisis in many countries and the inflation of prices in several others. The need to conserve oil will hold back several other industries from producing the full capability of their economies. Germany's primary industries are machinery and automotive, thus impacting their requirements for business.

The significant implication of the war has been the sanctions and the consequences those sanctions have placed on the global economy. This has resulted in several vital relations being cut, and other ties began to form. This has internationalized businesses that used to be mostly internal to Europe. The rise of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), all identified as rising powers, has begun challenging the capacity of the G-7 (U.S.A, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the UK). According to the International Monetary Fund, the BRICS have already begun to overtake the G-7 portion of the global economy, which could decrease the influence the G-7 may hold to shorten the war period.

With the sanctions in place from the allies of these countries, BRICS has created their deals. China and Russia have more than a billion-dollar deal regarding oil, and Russia has now become China's second-largest exporter of oil to China. BRICS nations have also begun dropping the U.S. dollar as the common currency, favoring their money and reducing its value in the international business world.

War has a cost on everything: humanitarian, economic and spiritual. The war that no one believed ever thought would happen regrettably happened, and now we, as everyday people, must try to understand the shifting tides accompanying these changes. Though the war hasn't affected us here at home too much, it is impacting our allies and friends we depend on for many things. War can create industry and grow an economy, but it can also hinder natural growth all at the cost of lives and materials.

Art exhibit featuring different styles opens to the Etown community

Photo courtesy of Anslee Gerhardt

The exhibit had a variety of paintings that were created using the mokuhanga technique and featured artists from different countries.

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The "22 Views of Mokuhanga" art exhibit is now open to the public from Sept. 21-Dec. 1, 2023. The opening reception of this exhibition took place Sept. 21, 2023, in the Lyet Gallery of Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. The exhibition was curated and coordinated by Associate Professor of Art Kristi Arnoldand features 22 different pieces of art. All the art presented was created using the same technique: mokuhanga. Mokuhanga is the earliest form of printing in Japan. It is a traditional Japanese woodblock printmaking technique and each piece is unique in style and content. Japanese mokuhanga printing uses mainly water-based ink and is completed by hand; in contrast, American printing techniques use mainly oil-based inks and a printing press.

The opening night of this exhibit featured a table of finger foods, a brief overview of the history of mokuhanga and pamphlets. There were also many students who came to view the exhibit right when it opened, emphasizing the importance of art to students at Elizabethtown College. The pamphlets had an image of all 22 art pieces included as well as an overview of the mokuhanga technique and the artists involved in the collection. In the exhibit itself, there was a small television that played an audio tape over a slide show; it touched on how this collection wanted to bring people of all nationalities together in a commitment to mokuhanga, and to art in general.

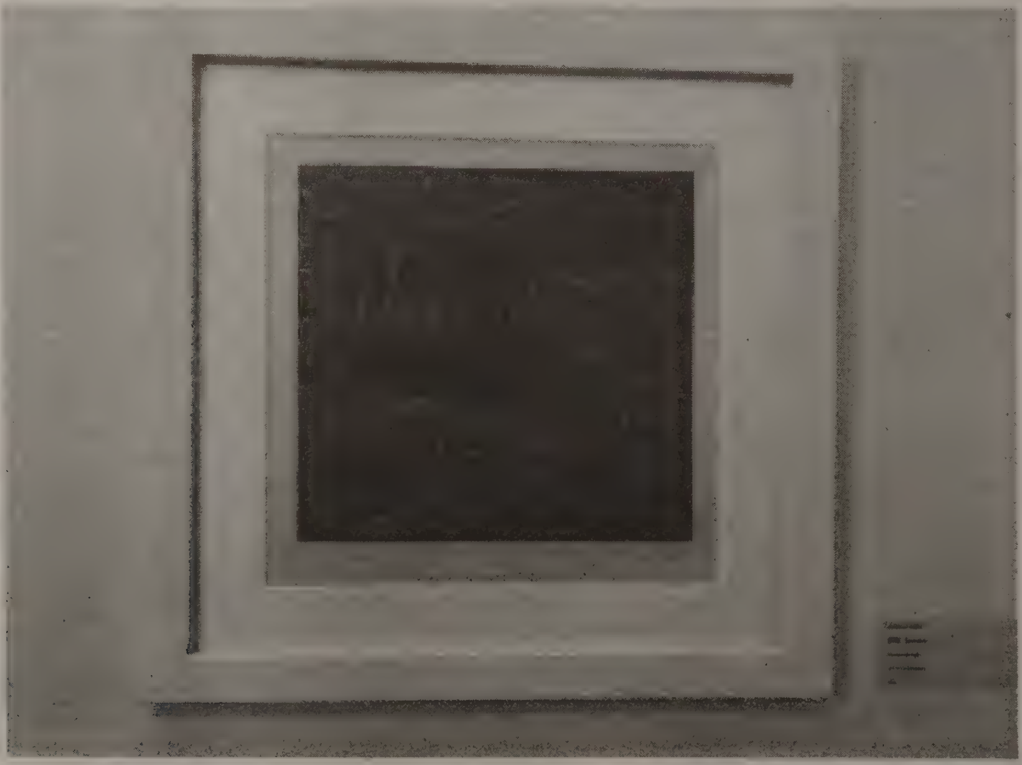
The Lyet Gallery is a small room that is long in length and short in width. The format of this room was perfect for the size of the collection. Each piece was given ample space on the wall, but the layout of the room kept the pieces close to one another enough that the viewer could compare and contrast the different works of art from wall to wall.

Arnold began putting the event together in 2022 with Associate Professor of Japanese and Asian Studies Mahua Battacharya, when they received a Strategic Grant to help fund the exhibition. Arnold said these pieces of art are important to Etown because of a new course, ART 160: Japanese Printmaking and Sumi Ink Painting, which coincides with the content in the mokuhanga exhibit along with the new Asian Studies major and minors at the college.

The exhibit had artists featured from multiple different countries, not just Japan. There were American, Polish, British and Japanese artists. Each print by these different artists were hung on the wall (most of them were framed but a few pieces were on tapestry paper), while to the right of the piece was a descriptive paragraph about the artist behind the piece, and what their work means to them. For example, artist Stephen Winiecki from New York wrote that his piece was inspired by "landscapes from the Shin Hanga art movement." He explained how his love of traveling exposed him to unique locations, which he was then able to incorporate into his artwork. These descriptive tags were added to the collection to give the viewer a reference point on how to interpret the art piece and to incorporate a synopsis of who the artist is. The tags brought relatability and context to the exhibit, further enhancing the appeal of the pieces of art.

Each piece of art was different from the rest. The prints varied in size, color and content. There were large works which were about 56 x 17 inches tall, and then, there were smaller works about 7 x 9 inches tall. Some of the pieces were all black in white, while others were monochromatic, and others consisted of various color schemes. But, while all these artworks were different from one another, they all followed the same mokuhanga printing technique.

One of the oldest prints shown in the exhibit, from 1856, was part of a Japanese text about Buddhism, while there were some prints from as current as 2023. The 1856 print was a testament to the nature of monkuhanga and its ability to maintain potency throughout the years as a consistent printing technique. This one-of-a-kind exhibit featuring works of art from people across the globe, all focusing on the mokhuanga technique, brings an exciting addition to Etown for this fall semester.



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The exhibition was curated and coordinated by Associate Professor Kristi Arnold and features 22 different pieces of art.

Etown unveils new multicultural center in the BSC

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One of Elizabethtown College's goals over the past several years is to provide a welcoming environment for all students who commit to the institution, regardless of background. With the rise of minority populations committing to Etown, especially students of color and the LGBTQIA+ community, it has been of utmost importance for these students to feel included and encourage discussion. Encouragement for discussion has been shown through lectures, performances, incorporations in the core curriculum and guest speakers. However, Etown has introduced a new center that is dedicated to serving as a safe space for students to collaborate, share and develop new plans to improve diversity on campus–this inspired the Center for Multicultural Affairs to open.

Located in room 208 of the Baugher Student Center (BSC), the Center for Multicultural Affairs has opened its doors this past month, welcoming students of all different backgrounds to share their experiences about their identity, whether that has to do with race, ethnicity, sexuality or any other marginalized group. The purpose of the Center is to provide a warm and safe environment where students can open up about the struggles marginalized groups face daily. Students will have the opportunity to work together to compile ideas and solutions to reduce stigma and discrimination.

Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging (DEB) Darcey Mills weighed in on how the College is continuing to make everyone feel comfortable and safe on campus.

"Our college is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, and as our community grew and diversified, it became evident that a centralized hub was required to facilitate and amplify our efforts," Mills said.

Mills also stated the goals that the Center hopes to achieve in the Etown community.

"Our primary objective is to foster a warm and welcoming environment in which diversity is celebrated, equity is upheld and a strong sense of belonging is fostered," Mills said.

The senior advisor of college diversity, equity and belonging Kesha Morant-Williams also weighed in on what she hopes Etown will gain from the new Multicultural Center of Affairs and how its location will have a vital effect on the students and staff.

"It's important to be exposed and aware of opportunities but also the visual values are important. It seems in my time here at Etown that there are a lot of people interested in a lot of different things that are going on, but sometimes it's easy for things to get lost in the shuffle of everything else that's going on. So, with the center being right there in the BSC in the main hallway, I think it certainly gives people the opportunity to keep it front and center," Morant-Williams stated.

Morant-Williams also shared her thoughts on the strategic plan for opening a new center and the importance of the College investing in this new addition to the student center.

"It was well before my time before I came in and began to review the strategic plan. This is something that the College has wanted to have accomplished for a long time, but I know that it was important from the highest level of the institution and was something that was really intentional," Morant-Williams said.

The Center plans to work with the Intercultural Diversity Board, which is composed of multiple student organizations dedicated to promoting empathy, equity and diversity both on campus and the community surrounding it. It will help develop and accomplish large-scale, student-led service projects, presentations and community activities.

If you are interested in visiting or learning about this new vital addition to the Etown Community, the Center for Multicultural Affairs is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the BSC, room 208.

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Students are able to come to the center to hangout with friends, do their homework and hold meetings from 9 a.m to 6 p.m on weekdays.

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The Center for Multicutural Affairs has opened its doors to welcome students of different backgrounds to share experiences about their identity.

Etown Fine Print seeks applications for literary magazine

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Fine Print Magazine is Etown's official literary magazine open to both students and faculty submissions of works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Fine Print, Elizabethtown College's literary magazine, had their first meeting in the McCormick Classroom of the High Library. Led by senior occupational therapy major Lucy Krug, the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine, Fine Print is undergoing some major changes.

Fine Print Magazine is Etown's official literary magazine open to both students and faculty submissions of works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art–this includes graphic design and photography. The group offers a unique opportunity to get an inside look at the creative culture of Etown and it's an excellent way to get your work out there.

Fine Print Magazine has a multitude of staffing positions available including some newly created positions. Applications for staff positions are due Oct. 5, and the first staff meeting will take place mid-October. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to fineprint@etown.edu.

Section Editors are in charge of the nonfiction, fiction and art sections–art would be photography and graphic design. One person is needed for each section and would be Krug's go-to person for that section. Section Editors are in charge of letting Krug know when all submissions have been edited. This role, in a way, is almost like a stepping stone to Editor-in-Chief, and it is labor intensive.

Board Editors are in charge of looking over submissions. Krug would like around five Board Editors per section to ensure the work is distributed and peer-reviewed. This way 2-3 people could look over a work rather than just one as it was in the past. Krug describes this role as a good starting point if you're just looking to get involved with the magazine.

The Layout Editor is described as the "most important person on staff" by Krug, as they get to decide the layout design of the entire magazine. Knowledge of InDesign is a requirement for this role.

The Social Media Coordinator will handle Fine Print's social media platforms. They are in charge of posting when submissions open and close; they'll promote Fine Print events and advertise the Fine Print release party.

The OSA (Office of Student Activities) Liaison handles communication between Fine Print and OSA. Fine Print, while under the English Department's budget, is still considered a club and to ensure that Fine Print events are promoted, communication with OSA is crucial.

Finally, the Logistics Manager acts as the assistant to the Editor-in-Chief. They handle event scheduling, create the submission form and help Krug where needed. It's an excellent opportunity to get a sneak peek into what the role of Editor-in-Chief really entails.

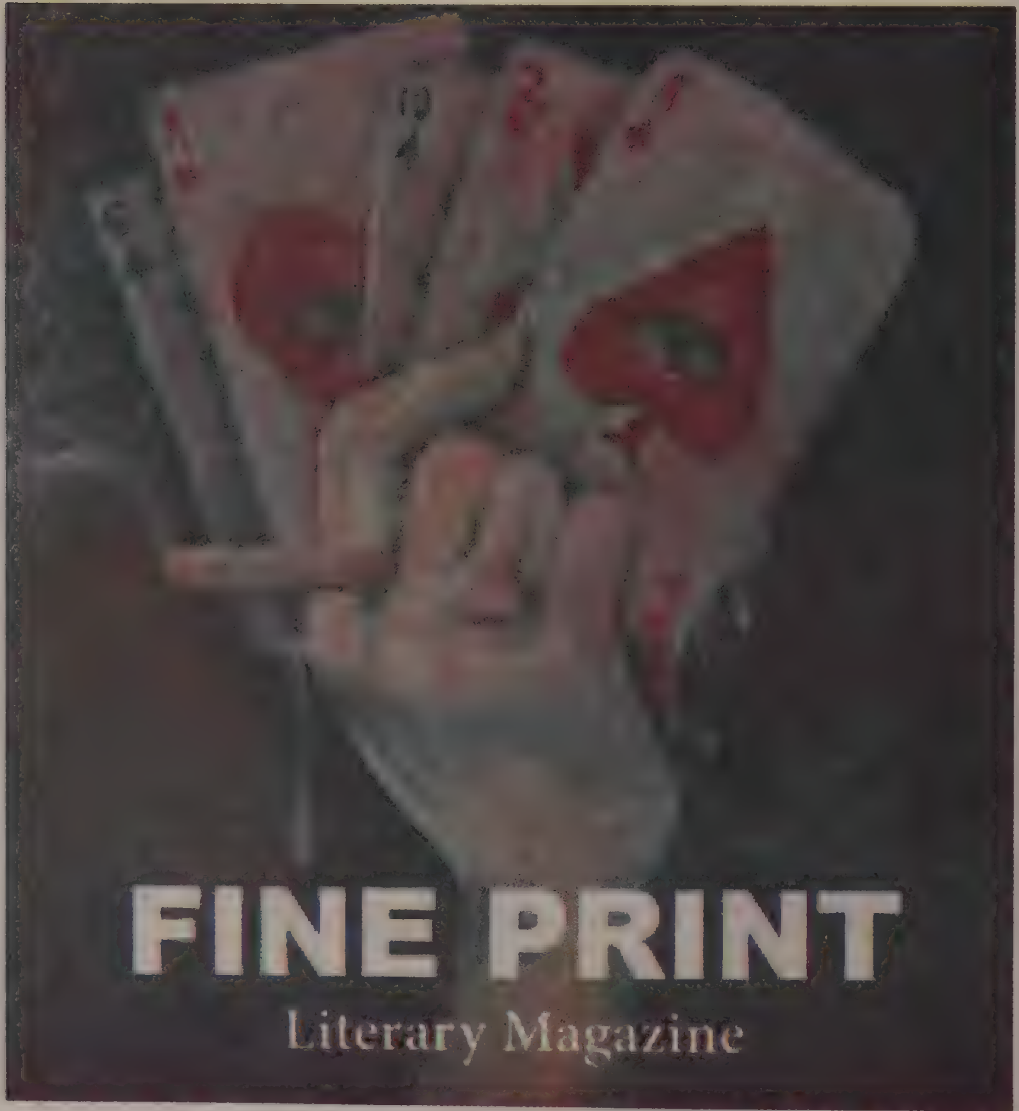
Applications are due Oct. 5. A person may hold more than one position and you may apply for more than one position.

This year is a big year for Fine Print with new staff positions and an Editor-in-Chief who is passionate and dedicated to making Fine Print the best it can be.

"There's a sense of accomplishment but also a sense of identity that can be found by writing something and seeing it published," Krug said, who hopes to create a community where writers and artists can grow. "I love the editing process because I think it's a great way to approach collaboration."

Krug wants to see people staying after meetings to talk, people excited to write and to edit. Fine Print is a peek into the culture of the writers and artists at Etown, "a glimpse into the soul of the people who notice things and write about them," Krug said.

Scan this QR code to go to Fine Print's website!



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Students may view the 2023 Fine Print using this link: https://jayscholar.etown.edu/fineprint/vol2023/iss1/1/

What piece of dorm decor are you based on your star sign?

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Shopping for your college dorm is arguably the most fun of back-to-school shopping! However, when we're all using the same Pinterest pictures for our inspiration, we tend to have some of the same decor. So, it's time to learn what stereotypical piece of dorm decor you are based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to use your sun, moon and rising for the most well-rounded reading!

Aries- You are the Squishmallows sitting on the bed that will probably end up on the floor. It's true that college is the place to mature, but it's always nice to keep a piece of your childhood with you. Just make sure to pick them up every once in a while. Under your bed can get scary.

Taurus- You are the television sitting on your dresser. You might turn it on once to watch a quick movie, but you'll probably just end up using your laptop or phone to view your shows. Nonetheless, when you move in next year, it's coming back with you.

Gemini- You are the calendar hanging above your desk. You're a true extrovert, and you're probably involved in nearly every club and sport on campus. Most weekends have to be planned down to the second in order to accomplish everything, so it's nice to have a reminder of where you need to be.

Cancer- You are the family photos taped up on the cinderblock. You, of course, used dorm-safe tape because you wouldn't want to ruin the impeccable paint job. Family ranks high on your list of priorities, and even though you don't get to see them as often, they'll always be with you.

Leo- You are the sports jerseys hung on the wall. It's no secret that you love to be number one, so why wouldn't you root for the best? These jerseys will become the focal point of the room and a great conversation piece for any new friends.

Virgo- You are the cube shelf under your bed. In a tiny dorm, it can be easy for your room to quickly become a mess. Your need for organization won't let that happen though. With a cube shelf, you'll have all the storage you need.

Libra- You are the fluffy white rug that hides the ugly carpet. Like you, it warms up the space! It'll make your dorm feel less like a dorm and more like a home. Make sure not to spill anything on it though!

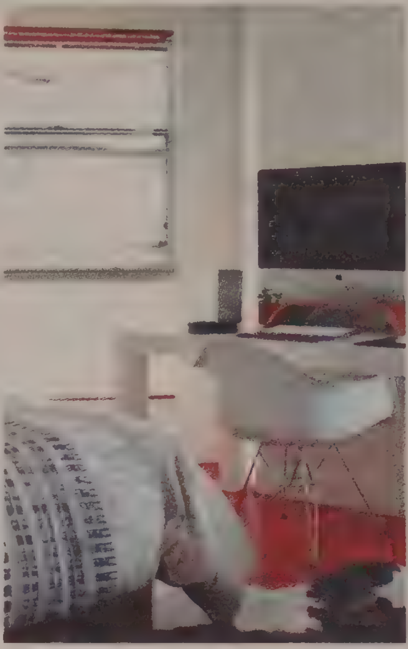
Scorpio- You are the tapestry bought from Amazon that takes up almost too much wall space. More than likely, it's one with a funny quote that you'll have to hide from your parents when they come to visit. At least it shows off your sense of humor!

Sagittarius- You are the excessive amount of throw pillows. Are they very practical? Not really, but you can't resist buying a new one when you're at Target or Five Below. It's not your fault they're so cute! When your friends come over, they'll have something to sit with!

Capricorn- You are the poster that says 'GirlBoss!' You are a visionary, a leader to your core, but sometimes, you need a reminder. This poster is your daily affirmation that you can handle whatever college or the Marketplace throws your way.

Aquarius- You are the whiteboard on your dorm door. You love a good old-fashioned debate, and what better place to get opinions than from your neighbors? A highlight of your day is coming up with the next ridiculous question to ask, like can a hot dog truly be considered a sandwich?

Pisces- You are the fairy lights that warm up your room. The harsh fluorescent lights don't exactly fit your cozy vibes. Sure, reading and doing homework will be more difficult in the dim lighting, but the ambiance will be totally worth it.



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There are many ways to personalize a dorm. Read to get inspired!

Activity Review

Take a fascinating tour and travel through the many geological layers of time in the local Indian Echo Caverns

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There are a wide range of activities to be found in the area surrounding Elizabethtown College, so this week, a friend and I visited the Indian Echo Caverns located in Hummelstown, Pa., a roughly 20-minute drive from campus.

The 440 million-year-old limestone caverns are currently owned by Echo Dell, a company that offers group tours of the cave system. According to the company's website, the caverns were first commercialized in 1929 by John Bieber, who cleared many rooms that had been blocked and opened them to the public. After the Great Depression, the system was bought by Edward S. Swartz, whose family still runs the attraction.

Tours start every 45 minutes and cost $25 for each adult ticket, which can be purchased online or from the gift shop counter. The property also contains a petting zoo, where you can feed and enjoy the company of farm animals, an ice cream parlor and a mini golf course for some extra fun while waiting for a tour or to enjoy once you've finished.

The tour begins beside the Swatara Creek, at the entrance to the caverns. Our tour guide, Evan, briefly explained the history of the land and its ties to the Indigenous American groups that had once lived nearby.

We then ventured inside the cave, where concrete steps and railings had been placed, along with electric floodlighting to ensure the safety of guests and employees throughout the duration of the tour.

Evan pointed out writing on the walls of the first section of the caverns, called the Entrance Room, and described some theories about its origins. The most prominent thought is that the writing was from European colonists who attempted to explore the caves but found it too dangerous and difficult and gave up shortly past that first segment.

Next, we traveled through a narrow passage into the expansive cavern aptly named the Ballroom, where Echo Dell allows weddings to be hosted. Evan pointed out various stalagmite and stalactite formations that create interesting shapes and had been named after objects they resembled. He gave a brief lesson on the science of erosion patterns and rock formations, then we continued.

We were given another taste of the cavern's history with the story of a wooden box found by a boy exploring the cave in the early 1900s, containing coins from the Roman Empire and instructions for creating diamonds. The origin of the box is still a mystery, and the gift shop has it on display for tourists to inspect and come up with their own hypotheses.

The lights were then turned off for a demonstration showing the lack of any natural light present in the caverns and the small amount of light the first explorers would have had. We got to see a few natural pools and played a game where the group was challenged to guess the names of a few formations, as well as learn about the superstition that drips from the cave's ceiling granting good luck to a person when landing on their head.

Finally, we ventured into one of the deepest points in the caverns, where an unlit campfire was displayed. It was placed to represent a man who had lived in the caverns for 19 years after his sister was wrongfully accused and sentenced for the murder of her children. We were encouraged to look through the diary of the woman, also displayed in the gift shop, which had been found along with the man upon his death. We admired a few more rock formations to lighten the mood, and that concluded our tour.

Despite choosing a dreadfully rainy day to visit, my friend and I had a great time. The caverns were a stunning display of natural beauty and our tour guide was friendly and cracked jokes with the two of us throughout. Unfortunately, touching the formations is prohibited since it may be damaging to their growth, but I'd say simply standing in a place like the Ballroom is worth the trip, as long as you're not claustrophobic!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

The Indian Echo Caverns not only has tours, but also runs a petting zoo, an ice cream parlor, a gift shop, and a mini golf course.

Students of Etown

Read about freshman dancer and performer, Gabby Petridge

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Many college students struggle to find a comfortable balance between their studies and their extracurriculars. However, when pursuing activities that bring out one's true self, it's possible to find a manageable balance between these pursuits. In addition to being a healthcare administration major, an Honors student and a Mosaic scholar, first-year student Gabby Petridge recently joined the Elizabethtown College Dance Team.

Petridge has been dancing since she was three years old. When applying to Etown, she decided she wanted to try out for the College's dance team. "I followed them on Instagram when I first had an interest in Etown, and everything they posted looked so fun," Petridge commented. "They looked like they were happy."

Like many other extracurriculars, the dance team can take up a lot of time for busy students. However, with the right planning, it's possible to commit to more than one opportunity for growth. Although she devotes a lot of her time to the dance team, Petridge manages to find a healthy balance between dancing and pursuing her studies. "I try to get a lot of my work done as soon as it's assigned so I don't have to sit on it," she said.

As a performer, Petridge enjoys a good challenge. She found this challenge within the dance team, whose members strive for excellent presentation and articulation. Impressed by their performances, she feels like she will be adequately challenged to work toward her goals as a devoted dancer. "They're all so good. It's like a whole team of role models," she said.

While it's important to look for and accept challenges, it's equally necessary to balance being challenged with having fun and expressing oneself. For Petridge, the dance team is a great balance of competition and fun. While some of the moves may be challenging, she is able to embrace the fear and focus on how much she loves to dance.

At first glance, being part of a college dance team may seem stressful and intimidating, but the dance team truly lives up to Petridge's expectations. "They were much more welcoming than I was expecting. It already feels like a little family," she noted. "I was intimidated at first, but they broke down the awkward barrier with the freshmen."

In addition to being a creative outlet and a form of exercise, the dance team feels like a family to Petridge. Since joining the team, she's not only been introduced to new ideas and routines but also to the dance team's social life outside of school. "I like that it just gave me a whole bunch of new friends," Petridge said. "We do a lot of bonding stuff outside of practice, which gives me a whole new friend group."

Petridge can't wait to see what her future on the team holds. From performances at Accepted Students Days to other campus-wide events, she will have the opportunity to perform at a wide variety of venues on campus.

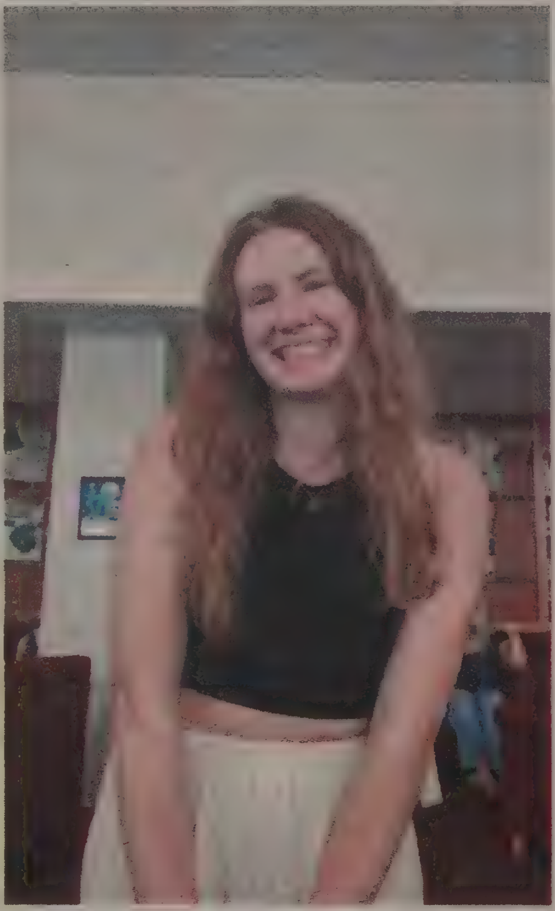

Photo courtesy of Gabby Petridge

Experienced dancer Gabby Petridge is very excited for her future on the Dance Team.

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Oct. 10: Fun with Spanish Club!

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Oct 13: Chemistry Guest Speaker

Elizabethtown College History Fact

Nicarry Hall was named after Wayne Nicarry, who spent most of his life as a wagon tire manufacterer after being unable to attend college. In 1968, he was elected to serve as an associate trustee for Etown and was given an honorary doctorate of sciences degree.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on Wayne Nicarry by Samantha Seely.

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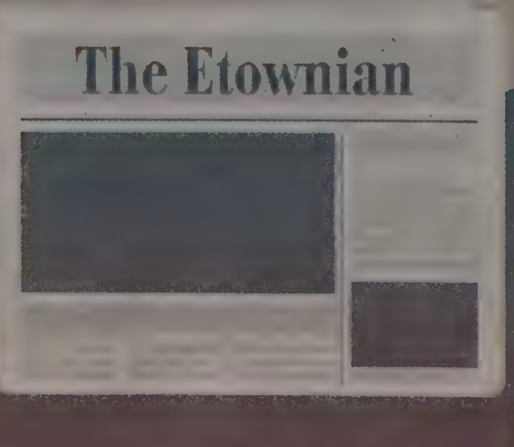

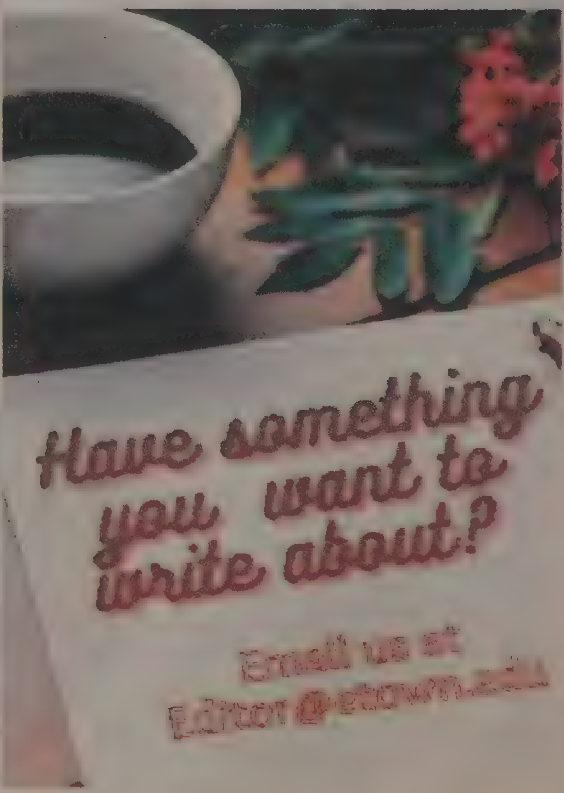
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Media Review: Baldur's Gate III

Larian Studios' newest release has enchanted all kinds of players, from newcomers to experienced RPG gamers

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For this week's media review, I will be covering Baldur's Gate 3, a newly released RPG video game that is based in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Although this is the third installment of the Baldur's Gate franchise, it is not required for you to play the first or second installment to understand the storyline, as this story takes place around one hundred years after the end of the second game. Larian Studios, the producers of Baldur's Gate 3, are also known for their production of the Divinity franchise. This is a game that has a well-known team behind it that communicates frequently with the fan base.

As of Aug. 3, 2023, the full version of Baldur's Gate 3 has been released to Windows PC. On Sept. 6, this game was ported to PlayStation 5, and on Sept. 22, it was ported to MAC OS. Larian Studios has announced that they plan a release for Xbox as well later this year.

It needs to be said that there is nudity that can be toggled off in the settings but be warned that by default, it is on. Baldur's Gate 3 also covers some sensitive topics and has a lot of violence, so it is rated M for a reason.

Looking deeper into the actual content, you play as either an original player character that you design, or you can play as an origin character as well. The game starts off with your character aboard the Nautilus, the flying ship controlled by the mind flayers that have captured you and held you captive. The main storyline of this game is that you have been infected with an illithid parasite, or a mind flayer parasite, and you and your party are trying to figure out how to get rid of it before you transform. As you progress through the storyline, you find that there is a cult that needs to be taken down as well.

Along the way, you can befriend and romance your companions, discover more about everyone's backstory and explore the world that you have been placed into. With every companion you meet, there is an opportunity to complete side quests and unlock more choices and information regarding them. The main characters you come across are Lae'zel, the githyanki fighter, Shadowheart, the half-elf cleric, Astarion, the high elf rogue, Gale, the human wizard, Wyll, the human warlock and Karlach, the tiefling barbarian. Depending on who you ask to join you in your main adventuring party, the story is heavily affected. However, it may prove useful to have certain NPCs in your party to get past various obstacles.

You can also choose to play Baldur's Gate 3 in multiplayer mode with up to three friends to complete the four-party member requirement, or you can play with one or two friends and have NPCs fill in the rest of your adventuring party's spots. One unfortunate aspect of multiplayer mode is that there are not yet cross-platform capabilities.

For those who enjoy mods in their games, Larian has stated their enjoyment for the community of modders. There are already many mods available on Nexus for download. Some of these mods include dice skins, extra hairstyles and even gameplay expansion. Some mods that I currently have in my game are Ellian's Hair, which gives me more options for hairstyles in character creation, "Amethyst Dice" which retextures the dice in my game and "JWL Histories and Occupations" which can alter the backstory of my custom character.

Overall, Baldur's Gate 3 is an amazing RPG based in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. It is currently priced at $60 on Steam and $70 for PlayStation.

Baldur's Gate

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The menu screen for Baldur's Gate III entices players with captivating art and background music.

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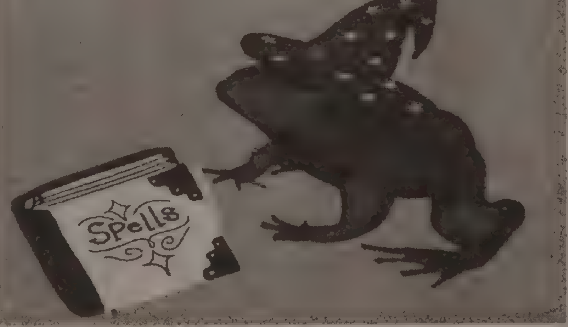

Internship Spotlight

Matt Sutton's experience teaching basic code to teenagers

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Over the summer, senior computer science major Matt Sutton had a six-week internship at All Star Code, teaching young men of color skills in computer science and coding. This community outreach program is made possible through the Steinman Foundation's relationship with All Star Code, which allows computer science majors to get an introduction to the industry, while also helping to introduce others to it as well.

During the weeks of his internship, Sutton helped instruct these young men in the basics of coding, building skills from their interests. This country-wide program works with instructors, previous graduates of the program, to teach the students both in-person and online. The program was hosted locally by Cargas Systems, which provided the students with the materials, systems and space needed for instruction.

After setting up the Zoom and in-person classrooms, Sutton would engage students in team-building activities or mini-games to get them excited for the day. Each week, the students would be introduced to various technical subjects, such as Javascript, HTML and web development. After lunch, the students would also be instructed on how to hone their soft skills, such as networking and building a resume.

"This would help not just their technical skills, but also skills outside of that which would help them find a job in the future," Sutton said.

Sutton was able to learn about this internship through Stephanie Zegers, who often sends out information on upcoming internships for many majors that fall under the STEM umbrella. He then went on to research All Star Code to find that they have a local branch, as Sutton is from Lancaster.

"Elizabethtown's whole motto is 'Educate for Service,' and I found that the company and this program really fit that idea," Sutton said.

Sutton described the experience as very rewarding to participate in, and enjoyed working with the students. His favorite part was being able to be a part of the very gratifying process.

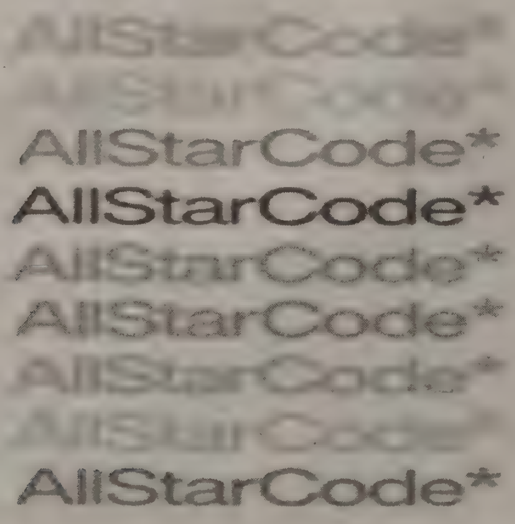
"It was very cool to be able to utilize my major outside of the classroom, and also to provide that same education that I received to teens," Sutton said. He described how rewarding it was to help students problem solve, and have those same "Eureka!" moments that he had when he was first learning the code. It is a very challenging and very rewarding experience when they are learning new code languages and getting their first programs to work. Sutton does not want to pursue education as a career, but the experience helped him to see just why people love to teach.

Sutton also found a mentor in a fellow co-worker at the program, an employee who had this intern position the year prior. As a graduate of Millersville, he had a lot of advice for Sutton, and also helped him network with employees of the program and the hosting company, Cargas Systems.

"Whenever I was unsure about something, he would guide me through the process," Sutton said.

For fellow computer science majors looking for an internship, Sutton suggests continuing to practice coding concepts, core algorithms and do the exercises your professors recommend. By continuing to hone and maintain your technical skills, you'll feel properly prepared for any tasks expected of you. However, Sutton also recommends working on your soft skills, as both are important when it comes to getting a job.

"Working on your networking and your public presence is just as important," Sutton said.



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This summer AllStarCode provided a course on basic coding techniques.

Recipe Review

Try this campus-friendly Korean dessert drink

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This week, we're sharing our take on the traditional Korean watermelon punch, subak-hwachae, using ingredients you can find here on campus! It's a refreshing dessert drink that is traditionally made in the summertime, but there's no reason to limit such a simple and sweet treat to only a few months out of the year.

The ingredients include watermelon, milk, a lemon-lime soda and any other fruits you want to add, as well as ice to help keep them cool.

The Marketplace always has a plethora of fruits available, particularly honeydew, cantaloupe and pineapple, which mix nicely with the flavor of the watermelon and are traditional additives to the drink. Some other options you may find are blueberries, strawberries or maraschino cherries. My friends and I tried two different varieties: one with watermelon and cherries, and another with watermelon, blueberries and kiwi, which we bought from Giant.

The drink dispensers offer the rest of the necessary ingredients. Since our campus sells Pepsi products, the lemon-lime soda we used was Starry, but this can also be substituted for other brands or even sparkling water. We also used whole milk from the dispenser for our first time making hwachae, and for the second we purchased a bottle of strawberry milk from the Jay's Nest for some extra flavor. The Marketplace also has non-dairy milk options for lactose-intolerant or vegan variations.

The recipe itself is rather simple. To start, make sure your fruit is cut into bite-sized pieces and place them into a bowl. Pour the milk and soda over the fruit until the bowl is full. Add small ice cubes, then stir to mix. Grab a spoon and enjoy!

For the first attempt, I made only one small bowl that had mostly watermelon and the liquid ingredients, so the flavors were fairly balanced and not overly complex. On the second attempt, my friends and I wanted to share between the whole group, so we made it in a large container and dished it out. We still included a large portion of watermelon, and though it's the core ingredient of subak-hwachae (with subak translating directly to watermelon), we were hoping to taste the other fruits as well. Unfortunately, the watermelon somewhat overpowered the blueberries, kiwi and strawberry flavoring of the milk, so if you're opting to include some other fruits, I would suggest cutting back on the amount of watermelon you add.

Whether you make it right in the Marketplace or in a container to store in your fridge, subak-hwachae is a delicious and fun way to incorporate more fruits into your diet!

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This week, try our non-conventional take on this classic Korean treat.

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Etown soccer clashes with Scranton

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The Elizabethtown College men's soccer team got back into action for the first time since the annual Marshmallow Game on Saturday, Sept. 23. The Blue Jays welcomed the University of Scranton to Ira R. Herr Field, where they'd take care of business with a 2-1 victory.

Sophomore forward Pedro Vinent got the Jays rolling early with his second goal of the season, and junior midfielder Hudson Peck came off the bench to break the tie late, sending the fans into a frenzy. Graduate student goalkeeper Kelvin Del Cid and the rest of the Blue Jay defense also made an impact, holding Scranton to just one goal and helping secure the team's third win of the season.

As soon as the opening whistle sounded, Etown applied pressure on the offensive end. They totaled six shots in the opening half of play, and Vinent found the back of the net in the fifteenth minute off a beautiful ball from graduate student midfielder Mehluko Letsoalo. Etown would concede a goal 15 minutes later, but the team had found a rhythm offensively, as the teams went into the half knotted at one.

The second half looked more even, as both squads were finding chances in the opposing half but could not find a way to tuck the ball away. It wasn't until late, in the 79th minute, that the Blue Jays broke the tie. Peck unleashed a masterful strike past the goalkeeper for goal number one of the young season.

Sophomore defender Thomas Smith and junior midfielder Pedro Guizardi assisted on the goal. After that, Etown locked in defensively and notched their third win of the season, moving to 3-2-2. They followed this up with a match against Lebanon Valley College at home on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

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Sophomore defender Thomas Smith looks to push the issue with a pass upfield.

The women's soccer team looked to move to 3-3-1 on Saturday, Sept. 23 against Scranton. Unfortunately, they were outmatched, losing 3-0. Junior goalkeeper Adrienne McGallicher put together a valiant effort in this one. Scranton fired off 11 shots on goal, and McGallicher would make eight saves. However, Etown's offense could not find any sort of success with their shots, being unable to score on their four shots on goal.

It was all Scranton early on, as Etown had just one shot in the first half. Junior forward Marissa Vandernick fired off the lone attempt in the fourth minute of play, but Scranton's keeper would keep it out of harm's way. Of the nine shots Scranton took in the first 45 minutes, only one got past the goalkeeper, giving Etown some hope as they headed into halftime.

Things got away from the Blue Jays in the second half. While the team found a rhythm offensively, getting six shots off, they couldn't find the back of the net. Scranton would tack on two more goals and put this one out of reach, winning 3-0. With that, they move to 2-4-1.

Athlete of the week: Victor Witkofsky

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The world of sports extends further than most know, as simple games can create massive sports leagues. One's interest in activities that seem niche on the surface can blossom into events like Esport leagues and reach many lives of those who share similar passions. This phenomenon even occurs on Elizabethtown College's campus grounds, as seen in senior student Victor Witkofsky, who partakes in competitive arm wrestling and even enters the occasional tournaments with a dedicated team.

Photo courtesy of Victor Witkofsky

Senior Victor Witkofsky takes home first place in his left handed division.

Witkofsky's interest in the sport of arm wrestling developed due to his competitive spirit. He and his dad would arm wrestle with each other during his childhood, and the frequency with which his dad won these bouts inspired him to study arm wrestling techniques. Witkofsky recalls looking up professional arm wrestling videos on YouTube to learn more about these intricate techniques, and these aspects of his childhood developed into a passion for the sport he still holds onto to this day.

The sport itself focuses on a high amount of technique. Every part of the arm from the hand to the elbow can play a massive role in who wins any given match, and inexperience could result in severe injuries. Thankfully, Witkofsky does not need to worry about these hazards as he can rely on the Lethal Arms, an arm wrestling team local to Harrisburg, Pa. The team values brotherhood and encouragement, as every member inspires the group and keeps an eye out for each other.

The Lethal Arms travel across the country to participate in various arm wrestling leagues, which either involve teams competing as a whole group or as separate entrants–some events even involve members of the Lethal Arms getting matched up against each other! While the Lethal Arms have not won any team leagues as of writing this article, they not only feature several members with individual wins but also usually rank 3rd or 4th overall in team tournaments: a respectable achievement.

Witkofsky has a few impressive accomplishments as well, a feat that only becomes more astounding when one considers the odds against his victories. Witkofsky describes arm wrestling as "more of an adult… sport", since most people participating in the sport–even members of the Lethal Arms—range from "30 to 60 years old". Despite the odds stacked against him due to his youth and his self-described status as a "smaller and skinnier" arm-wrestler, Witkofsky utilizes his skill and strength to come out on top, even managing to win a tournament division over the summer!

Witkofsky fully intends to continue partaking in arm wrestling as a member of the Lethal Arms after he graduates from Etown with a degree in biology!

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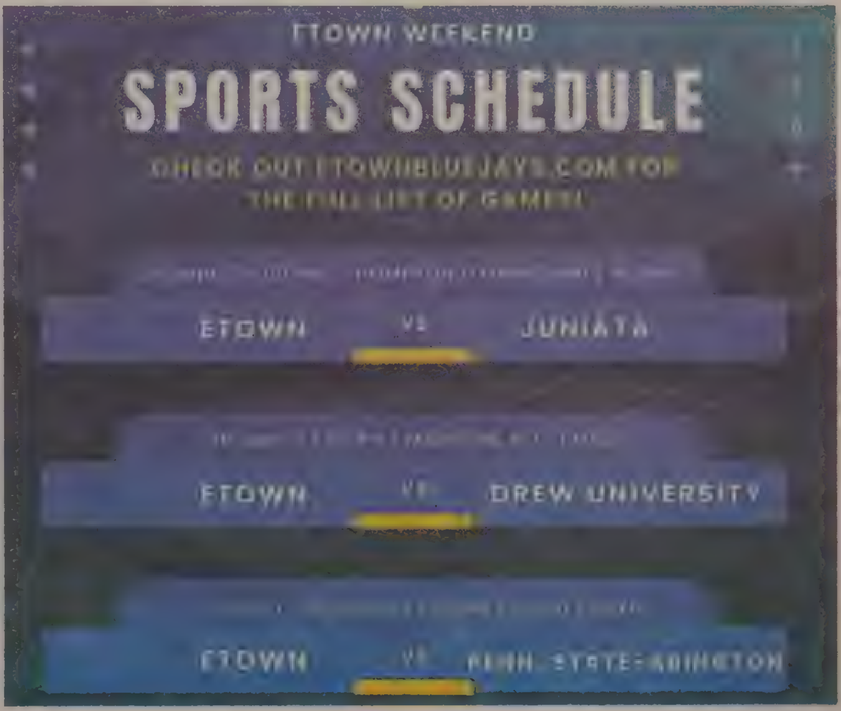
Witkofsky takes on opponent in tournament on June 24th.



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Field hockey falls to Scranton in Landmark Conference showdown

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On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Elizabethtown College women's field hockey team played against Scranton to determine if they would take the lead in the landmark conference. Etown's goalie, junior Rachel Murphy, made nine saves throughout the entirety of the game.

During the first quarter, senior forward Salena Paronish took a shot for the Blue Jays, but it was saved by the Royals goalie. Our team thought they had plenty of time to break the scoreless tie and take the lead when Scranton scored their first goal in the last three minutes of the first quarter, making it 0-1 heading into the second quarter of play.

Scranton continued on their trek of taking shots on goal. When entering the second quarter, they recorded five shots total in that quarter, along with two penalty corners. All of this occurred in the first eight minutes of the beginning of the second quarter. Scranton was not going to back down after already scoring in the first quarter. Unfortunately, twenty-three minutes into the game Scranton managed to score another goal, bringing the overall score to 0-2.

Our Blue Jays were not going to let Scranton take the lead any longer. The team played outstanding defense for the rest of the quarter and by halftime, the score stayed at 0-2. But, in the third quarter, Scranton was ready to reinforce their high-powered offensive attack. Quickly, they tacked on another goal in the first minute after halftime. Our Blue Jays were determined to score a goal, finding some momentum on the offensive end. They gained back some control of the ball and managed to score a goal in the last three minutes of the third quarter. This goal was scored by first-year midfielder Mia Fino with an assist from first-year midfielder Hannah Long. The Blue Jays got their first goal of the game. However, this was not enough when entering the fourth quarter with the score standing at 1-3. Still, the Blue Jays found something in the third, hoping to make a strong comeback in the final quarter.

However, the Royals continued to play with the momentum they exhibited all game to get one last goal in minute 57 of the game. The final score came to 1-4 after Etown managed to score one goal, while

Scranton shockingly scored one goal in each quarter, playing with consistency all game. This was a tough game for our Blue Jays, but they hope to be able to bring back that momentum for their next game against Stockton University in Galloway, N.J. on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

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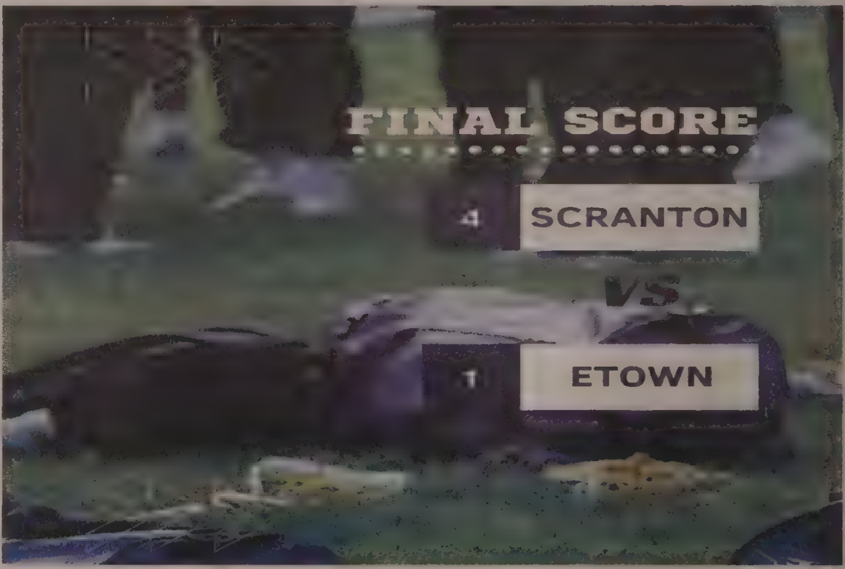

Underdogs look to make big impact in MLB postseason

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The underdog story is one of the best stories in all of sports. Just when you think the best team in the league is ready to go on a dominant run to win the championship, an underdog might sneak into the picture and ruin those dreams. It happens all the time in men's college basketball in the March Madness Tournament, and just last year, it happened in Major League Baseball (MLB) when the Philadelphia Phillies knocked out the Atlanta Braves in the National League Division Series as they made their run to the World Series. Is there a similar script in store for the 2023 MLB postseason?

The American League (AL) is loaded with competitive teams this season. Top teams like the Baltimore Orioles, Tampa Bay Rays and defending champion Houston Astros have been hogging most of the spotlight, but the Toronto Blue Jays are just as much of a threat this October. While they're still looking to lock up a postseason berth, it's hard to imagine a postseason without them. Although they've struggled in the postseason in the past, they have the star power to strike fear into any opponent with guys like starter Kevin Gausman and shortstop Bo Bichette. Maybe this is the year the Jays finally break through in October.

The Seattle Mariners captured the hearts of baseball fans last season when they finally broke their 20-year postseason drought, and they hope to return to the postseason this year. After a rough start, it looked like these Mariners were a flash in the pan. However, the team has been on fire since the all-star break and is contending for the AL West crown. The lifeblood of the team is young centerfielder Julio Rodríguez. Headlined by an August where he batted .429, the future superstar unlocked a different gear after the all-star break and is setting his eyes on the postseason. With his help, the Mariners could be well on their way to appearing in their first World Series in franchise history.

The Texas Rangers are also making a strong run for the AL West crown. Unfortunately, they haven't been the same team since the all-star break, but their offense remains a force to be reckoned with. Infielders Corey Seager and Marcus Semien and outfielder Adolis García have been putting a charge into the baseball all year long, leading one of the best offenses in all of baseball. Starter pitchers Nathan Eovaldi and Jordan Montgomery are also doing more than enough to keep the Rangers in the division race as the end of regular season baseball nears. The Rangers can outscore nearly any offense in the league; it's just a question of whether they can rediscover their pre-all-star break selves.

The Milwaukee Brewers captured the National League (NL) Central title this past week and are finding their stride at the perfect time. If you think October baseball is won through strong pitching, then look no further than the Brewers. The team carries one of the best, if not the best, starting rotation in the majors. Their starting pitchers: Corbin Burnes, Brandon Woodruff and Freddy Peralta headline this rotation and are assisted by a lethal closer in Devin Williams. While their offense must pick up the pace, we've seen unsung heroes heat up in the postseason, so who will be the guy to carry the offense for Milwaukee this postseason?

There's still so many other teams that can make a run at the postseason with teams like the Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs and others ready to strike. Looking ahead, this should be one of the most exciting postseasons in recent memory.

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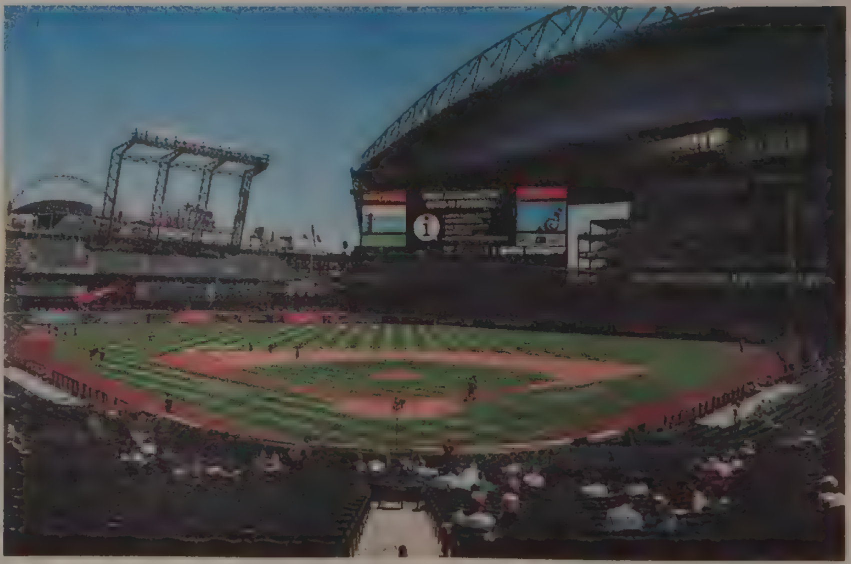
Bernie Brewer hopes to celebrate many home runs this postseason.



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Seattle fans hope to see postseason atmosphere return to T-Mobile Park for second straight season.

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Etown begins preparations for 125th anniversary

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Next year, Elizabethtown College will have reached a golden anniversary of the start of its academic excellence. The 2024-25 academic year will mark 125 years since its founding. Because of this, the College has recently started planning for a celebration that will take place next year.

Etown has a rich history, which began with its founding in 1899. In its early years, the College was run by members of the Church of the Brethren. The school was funded entirely by members of the church until 1921 when it was accredited by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction. However, it wasn't until 1993 that the Church of the Brethren was replaced by the Board of Trustees as the governors of the College. The campus expanded in size as well as enrollment as time went on. In fact, almost 2,000 undergraduate students attend Etown today, which includes hundreds of honors students and even dozens of students from abroad.

Since its opening, Etown has maintained strong values of peace and social justice. The Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) was started in 2004 with a mission to encourage students to get involved in their community and study abroad. Over one hundred students each year have the opportunity to study in one of thirty-six foreign countries, giving them a unique new perspective of the world.

The anniversary celebration's plans are far from being set in stone, but English professor and Director of the English Professional Writing and First-Year Writing Program Dr. Tara Moore has shared the 125th Anniversary Committee's tentative plans for next year. "Our goal is to have the plans formalized by December," Moore stated, "and then use the spring semester to finalize the implementation plans for the events beginning in the fall."

The plan is to begin the festivities with Charter Week at the beginning of the academic year. This week celebrates the time in September 1899 when the charter for the College was approved by the local government. A copy of the very same charter is kept on the first floor of the High Library. The week will kick off with a concert as well as an art exhibit both run by faculty members. This gives Etown staff the opportunity to share beautiful presentations of their appreciation for the College.

Fun and games will also be on the calendar.

SEE ANNIVERSARY PAGE 3

Dunkin' offers 10 percent discount to students

Courtesy of DaniRae Renno

The new Dunkin' in town competes with the Blue Bean by offering a 10 percent student discount and cheaper prices.

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The newly constructed Elizabethtown branch of Dunkin' recently opened with a sweet deal for Elizabethtown College students—a 10 percent discount at the register with a valid student ID.

"We're very excited about the new location," Kunal Delvadia, employee and manager, said. "This is a very positive area, and the town itself has been very excited that we're here."

The store held its grand opening on Sept. 23 and features virtual kiosks. The kiosks allow customers to access the same perks, like scanning the Dunkin' app, without waiting in a register line. Delvaida said kiosks have been largely popular with the college crowd, but students can only get a discount if they pay in person.

The Delvadia family operates seven other Dunkins in the area, and this one has drawn success, especially on the weekends, which could be due to the lack of weekend caffeine on Etown's campus.

The Blue Bean, which has struggled with staffing in the past year along with the rest of Dining Services, is currently not open on Saturdays and only open from noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays. During the week, the Blue Bean, which serves Starbucks coffee, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. but sometimes closes early with no explanation. While students can use Jay Bucks at the Blue Bean, they do not accept Starbucks gift cards.

More Jay Bucks can be purchased on a one-to-one ratio, but some students want more perks than just cash.

The Blue Bean does not operate with Starbucks' reward system, which is another perk of going to Dunkin'.

"I have a good amount of Jaybucks, but you can use rewards at Dunkin' and get things for free," student Elena Kenvin, '25 said.

SEE DUNKIN' PAGE 2

Limited weekend activities create quiet campus

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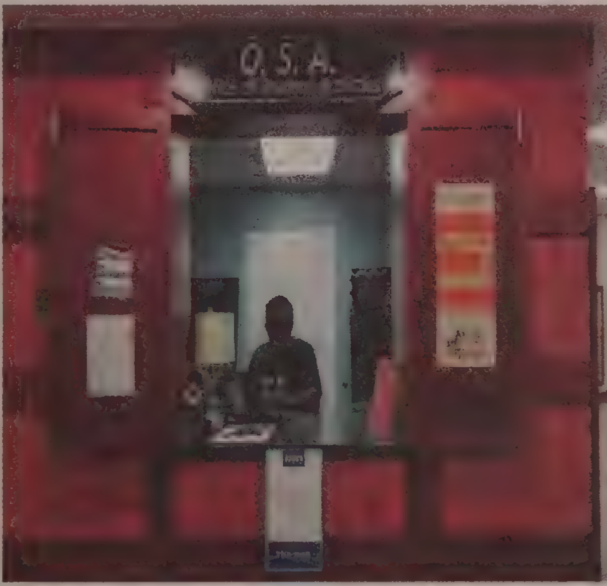
Many students on campus may find themselves in a similar situation during the weekends: they are bored out of their minds, doomscrolling on social media for hours and even, for some, the weekends mean going home on Friday or earlier and coming back on Sunday. That can make Elizabethtown College the 'ghost college,' as described by some, where the dining halls and dorms go silent and walking around campus is peaceful but almost ominous.

Part of the reason that students may not stay on campus is that they do not have a solid friend group and have nothing to do on the weekends. Even if there is an occasional event over the weekend, most events happen during the week.

That being said, even if the campus did offer more to do over the weekends, there is no promise that that would decrease the number of people going home as they may be going home for their own personal or financial reasons. The issue is more complex than simple boredom. People often plan time with their families for the weekends, and that may be the only time they get to see them outside of breaks.

Sophomore education major Maddie Fauth explained her multitude of reasons behind going home throughout her two years:. "I used to go home because I worked, but now I like being at home. I like having a balance between living here and living on campus."

In addition, students may use their weekends to work on or off campus, engage in the schoolwork they have fallen behind on or plan their own excursions. For this reason, it may not even be smart to make events for the weekends and interrupt the planned weekend that people want to have.



Courtesy of Delaney Peckham

OSA is planning events in an attempt to provide students with more activities on weekends.

"Over the weekend, I personally use the time to catch up on homework and other things for class. But, when I do not have classwork, I like to use the free weekend to schedule a game night with my friends and have good bonding time. Especially considering I only have two years left on campus," junior electrical engineering major Madison 'Rocky' Stewart said.

There are efforts being made by the Office of Student Activities (OSA) to engage students on the weekends and increase the engagement of students.

"We typically do events almost every other weekend and some are filled because of Homecoming and traditional events, so OSA does not host.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Over the last week, Microsoft-backed company OpenAI unveiled three new features for its controversial artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, ChatGPT.

First, on Monday, Sept. 25, the company shared voice and image capabilities for the platform.

The voice update allows users to talk to ChatGPT and receive a response through a text-to-speech model. OpenAI partnered with professional voice actors to mimic human-like audio. This feature enables individuals to have a back-and-forth conversation with ChatGPT.

Next, through the new image understanding capability, consumers can show ChatGPT one or more photos. The chatbot will analyze and reply to the picture after users write a prompt or annotate the image.

"Voice and image give you more ways to use ChatGPT in your life," OpenAI wrote on its website. "Snap a picture of a landmark while traveling and have a live conversation about what's interesting about it. When you're home, snap pictures of your fridge and pantry to figure out what's for dinner (and ask follow-up questions for a step-by-step recipe). After dinner, help your child with a math problem by taking a photo, circling the problem set and having it share hints with both of you."

According to the New York Times, these developments are part of an industrywide pivot toward multimodal AI systems, which is a type of AI that can understand and generate outputs for multiple types of data. This aims to mirror the way humans interpret and process information.

The third new feature is ChatGPT's ability to browse the internet, called Browse with Bing, announced on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Prior to this update, the platform was limited to data before Sept. 2021. The company also promised to provide direct links to sources.

"Browsing is particularly useful for tasks that require up-to-date information, such as helping you with technical research, trying to choose a bike, or planning a vacation," OpenAI said on X, formerly Twitter.

However, browsing, voice recognition and image capabilities are currently only available to Plus and Enterprise users, ChatGPT's subscription plans. OpenAI said it would eventually expand to all users but did not release a date.

In July of this year, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) launched an investigation into the risk ChatGPT poses to users, as the chatbot may generate false information. This potentially violates consumer protection laws by placing reputations and data at risk.

The new features could improve the accuracy of information due to access to updated data. However, it could also have the opposite effect. The BBC reported that direct access to current material eliminates a "safety net," as ChatGPT could generate misinformation or illegal data that is newly uploaded.

The continued development of AI has sparked mixed reactions. Some individuals praise the benefits of ChatGPT, as it quickly provides users with informative responses. On the other hand, others fear it is becoming too human-like and is a security risk.

Regardless of concern, many individuals across the world will continue to take advantage of the platform.

DUNKIN' PAGE 1

Dunkin' offers more favorable prices compared to Blue Bean

"I am so beyond excited they opened a Dunkin' up in Etown."

While the Blue Bean does have a frequent sipper program, where students can get their tenth drink free, Dunkin operates on a point system and also has offers for special occasions, like holidays and birthdays.

Price points are also a big bonus. On average, nearly all of Dunkin's prices are cheaper than those offered at the Blue Bean. Another advantage comes not from the caffeine but the sugar. Blue Bean offers some breakfast items, but they are lacking in one area—donuts.

Prior to the Elizabethtown Dunkin's construction, the nearest Dunkin' was a 15-minute drive.

"I love getting Dunkin' at home but I don't have time to drive far during the school year," Kenvin said. "This is great for something to do in between classes."

The Etown Dunkin's opening coincided with the first day of fall, starting the store with one of the chain's biggest seasonal items—pumpkin.

Angelina Giglio-Tos '25 said the store's opening has already increased her weekly Dunkin trips. Giglio-Tos is not a coffee drinker but goes for the specialty drink and food offerings.

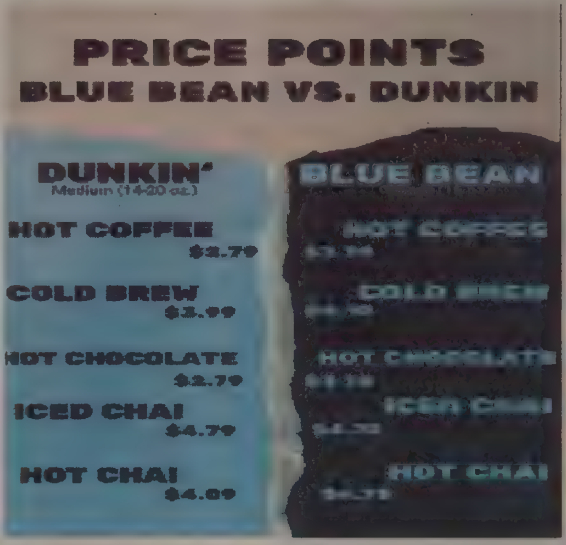
"I love going to Dunkin' for their breakfast, and I'm looking forward to getting a blueberry muffin toasted," Giglio-Tos said. "I can only get my cake pops at the Blue Bean, and they don't even have them half the time."

She also goes to Dunkin' for their specialty drinks.

"At the Blue Bean, I can get a frappuccino but not a frozen hot chocolate, and it's not the same," Giglio-Tos said.

Dunkin' plans to continue offering their student discounts, and Delvadia said the company is seeking to work with the College on other potential offers. Meanwhile, the store continues receiving a steady line of college students from just down the road.

"It's really dangerous in a good way," Kenvin said.



Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

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Last week, the Pennsylvania Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Task Force (PRGGITF) came back with their findings. This is a committee formed by Governor Josh Shapiro to determine the merits of remaining in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) alongside eleven other states (Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and New England).

Governor Shapiro initially created this task force to fulfill a campaign pledge made to avoid a politically contentious issue in his successful campaign for Governor. The 17-member task force consisted of both Democrats and Republicans and was tasked with finding a solution that the experts deemed best for Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, the task force failed to come up with a conclusive recommendation on whether or not Pennsylvania should stay in the RGGI.

The RGGI is a market-based cap-and-trade initiative, placing limits on the total amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) that power plants within these twelve states can produce. CO2 emissions from power plants are among the largest global contributors of greenhouse gas emissions, leading to increased global temperatures and climate change. While each member state in the RGGI will have its own CO2 budget allowance, the only firm CO2 cap is for the RGGI regional group as a whole. Carbon caps for each state are auctioned off to any member state's qualifying power plants four times a year. The quarterly auction sets the price for the purchase of CO2 allowances. Power plants must purchase CO2 allowances equal to the amount of CO2 emitted in power generation. An estimated $100 million dollars in quarterly revenue produced by the auctions would be returned to the member states to promote energy efficiency through greenhouse gas reduction programs. Over time, this market-based approach will reduce CO2 emissions from power plants with the goal of slowly weaning the twelve member states in the RGGI off of fossil fuels and into renewable clean energy.

This aligns well with Governor Shapiro's progressive message, not to mention the desire of the mainstream Pennsylvania Democratic Party to promote a goal of achieving 30% in Pennsylvania electricity production from renewable energy sources by 2030 as a means of fighting climate change. With a large Democratic base of young people, it is important for the Shapiro Administration to provide messaging that they support the fight against climate change, and the cap-and-trade initiative of the RGGI would be a great first step. However, instead of openly embracing the RGGI initiative adopted by former Governor Tom Wolf last year, Governor Shapiro organized the PRGGITF to recommend whether Pennsylvania should remain in the RGGI. Why would Shapiro be so hesitant toward staying in the RGGI initiative if his base supports it and it helps push our state towards clean energy? The answer is complicated as Governor Shapiro and most Pa. politicians have a divided loyalty toward clean energy.

In Pennsylvania, the natural gas industry accounts for over five percent of overall state employment. More than 400,000 Pennsylvanians are employed in the natural gas industry which is mainly concentrated in the northern and western parts of the state, and this area traditionally votes Republican. These small towns and villages of the north and west are largely supported by the natural gas industry as grocery stores, local governments, schools, shops and thousands of other jobs depend on the survival of this core industry. Governor Shapiro has chosen not to alienate the natural gas industry as it is one of the largest blue-collar industries in Pennsylvania. Embracing the natural gas industry is an opportunity for Democrats to market themselves as pro-union and pro-worker. Many candidates in the western part of the state, including Josh Shapiro in his successful campaign for Governor, have openly criticized the RGGI and voiced support for the natural gas industry. For many gas industry workers, it would be nearly impossible to transition into the clean energy field with a comparable level of pay and union benefits. This makes staying in the RGGI a tough sell to rural Pennsylvanians who are already struggling with limited employment opportunities and limited access to the internet due to a lack of broadband.

This has left Governor Shapiro in a tight spot as he attempts to appease two opposing wings of the Democratic party: the urban progressive and the rural union worker. Not only does this reveal very deep and open divides in the Democratic party but it could also present an opening for Republicans to exploit in next year's presidential election. "Our administration will review the working group's full set of recommendations as we await the Commonwealth Court's decision on Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI," Shapiro's office said in a press release.

125th Anniversary Committee plans celebration

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During Charter Week, the plan is to have an outdoor celebration for the whole community. "We've been working with some student representatives to hear what students care about," Moore explained, "but right now, during the lunchtime hour, we're hoping to have some food trucks, games and photo opportunities happening in the Academic Quad."

A one-credit course may also be offered next year. It would be a speaker series involving members of the community who can teach students about Etown's regional history and culture.

"It's going to be interactive and interesting, with the speakers bringing primary sources to talk about, and issues… that continue to affect our culture today," Moore said.

This would be a good opportunity for students to learn about issues here that may affect them while earning credit for their time.

This meticulous planning can be credited to the 125th Anniversary Committee made up of Etown students and staff, including Moore and Caroline Lalvani, Director of Community Affairs & College Special Events. Moore explained the current goals of the committee: "Right now, we're planning events. We're finalizing ideas about how to involve all of Etown's stakeholders, and especially students. We've created a website to broadcast anniversary events and collect stories from the wider Etown College community."

Etown has come a long way over the past 124 years. The school has faced many challenges– such as the COVID-19 pandemic–and will face future issues head-on. Thousands upon thousands of students have once called this campus home; thousands upon thousands of students will find their place here in the years to come. Many lives have been and will be shaped within the borders of this campus, and that is surely a cause to celebrate.

OSA seeks to increase engagement on weekends

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However, we try to advertise the events through the OSA socials and post it in the BSC," Assistant Coordinator of OSA and junior student Aaron Oliver said in response to questions about what weekend efforts are made.

For more major events, OSA has Jayfest and Bingo coming up as well as plenty of others that are advertised through the banners, social media and calendars sent out every two months. Mainly, weekend events through OSA and other departments fall on Friday nights aside from the major weekends like Homecoming. However, it is important to note that these events that are more major appeal more to alumni and families than students, and many students may go home on homecoming weekend in response to the additional business if they are not involved in one of the events going on.

If decreasing the amount of quietness on campus matters to students, then they need to engage especially with the weekend events that currently occur to show the campus and those who plan events that they are putting their resources into the right place and encourage further events.

For students who share the concern of making plans on the weekends, there is always "The Weekender" email sent out every Thursday which gives a basic outline of things to get up to both on and off campus from Thursday to Sunday that can be a good starting point. It includes not only events on campus but also sports games and what is going on around Elizabethtown.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The American soldier who willfully sprinted across the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in July was released into U.S. custody on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

"U.S. officials have secured the return of Private Travis King from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)," National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said in a statement. "We appreciate the dedication of the interagency team that has worked tirelessly out of concern for Private King's wellbeing. In addition, we thank the government of Sweden for its diplomatic role serving as the protecting power for the United States in the DPRK and the government of the People's Republic of China for its assistance in facilitating the transit of Private King."

According to the New York Times, King was transported from North Korea into China. From there, the Private and American officials flew to a military facility in South Korea. Finally, King arrived in Texas for various medical examinations and questions about the 70 days the DPRK held him.

King will also likely face charges under the military justice system.

According to the Associated Press, the 23-year-old was stationed in South Korea as a cavalry scout in the 1st Armored Division. However, in July of this year, he finished a sentence in a South Korean prison, serving about two months for an assault charge that involved an altercation with locals. He was supposed to return to Fort Bliss, Texas, for further disciplinary action but did not board his plane. Instead, he fled the airport and joined a civilian tour of the DMZ, proceeding to cross the Military Demarcation Line into North Korea.

According to the official Korean Central News Agency of North Korea, King illegally entered because he possessed "Ill feeling[s] against inhuman maltreatment and racial discrimination" in the Army and was "disillusioned about the unequal U.S. society."

However, verifying the truth of this statement is impossible, as the DPRK widely and regularly produces propaganda. According to ABC News, former detainees admitted they were coerced into making declarations of guilt. As a result, many questions remain about King's motives to cross the border.

King is the first American to be detained by North Korea in five years. Former hostages have been used for anti-American propaganda or were punished with sentences of hard labor after confessing to crimes against the North Korean government. King's safe release is a rare accomplishment for the U.S.

It is currently unknown why Pyongyang decided to expel him. One reason could be that North Korea is attempting to present itself as obedient to international law—especially since the isolated country recently amended its constitution to reinforce its nuclear power status. However, as a low-ranking member of the Army, King likely provided little value to North Korea.

Business Buzz

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The United Automotive Workers Union (UAW) officially went on strike on Sept.r 15, 2023. The strike started because the contracts between the union and the car companies recently expired, walking out over the inability to agree on significant issues such as increases to their current salaries and benefits. UAW is seeking a 40% wage increase and has requested this since these three auto giants have seen massive profitability within the last decade and the chief executive's rise in wages over the previous four years. Ford has agreed on the adjustments regarding the cost of living if inflation escalates again and the right to strike if the company closes plants.

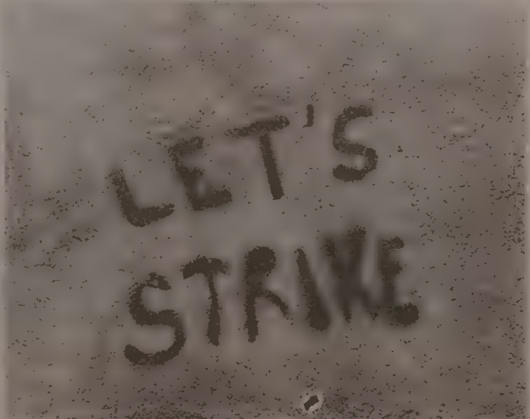
UAW workers have walked out on GM (General Motors) and Stellantis, with around 13,000 other workers willing to step out at a minute's notice. The union's strategy is to make automakers unable to determine when or where work stoppages or shortages will occur, thus unable to find other workers to continue production. It also has another benefit regarding how long the UAW funds will last, which, at this rate, will be able to last 11 weeks.

The Friday before the strike became official, Ford laid off approximately 600 workers, and GM threatened to lay off 2,000 workers in Fairfax, Kansas, due to the Wentzville strike, which began the week before. GM said that they could not provide supplemental unemployment benefits due to the expiration of their latest contract.

The President of the UAW, Shawn Fain, said this past week, "Ford and GM have refused to make meaningful progress at the bargaining table." The current employment of UAW workers is Ford's Chicago plant, which currently employs 4,300 UAW union workers, and the GM Lansing plant employs around 2,300 workers. Altogether, these three auto giants use 150,000 UAW union members. This past week, 25,000 UAW members have been called upon to stop working and have done so.

Ford, GM and Stellantis are auto royalty and have been running production as often as possible. With the end of COVID-19 and several other logistical issues, the American auto industry has returned to normal, relying on UAW workers for their comeback. Altogether, these companies have enough cars to last them a short while, but soon enough, they will have the ability to handle supply and demand, slowing production time. Thus, buyers will then go to nonunion suppliers who will be able to supply them, even though the cost of their business will cost the dealers more. Analyst Sam Fiorani said, "A work stoppage of three weeks or more would quickly drain the excess supply, raising vehicle prices and pushing more sales to non-union brands."

The UAW is holding all the cards for the incoming 11 weeks, and if the automakers do not decide what to do, they will have to halt production or slow everything down until they can figure out what to do. However, if the automakers have concluded a way to keep their show going without the need of the UAW, then the members of the UAW will not be able to return to their jobs. All that is known is that neither side seems to be in the mood for adaptability.



Etown announces 2023-24 Lecture Series speakers

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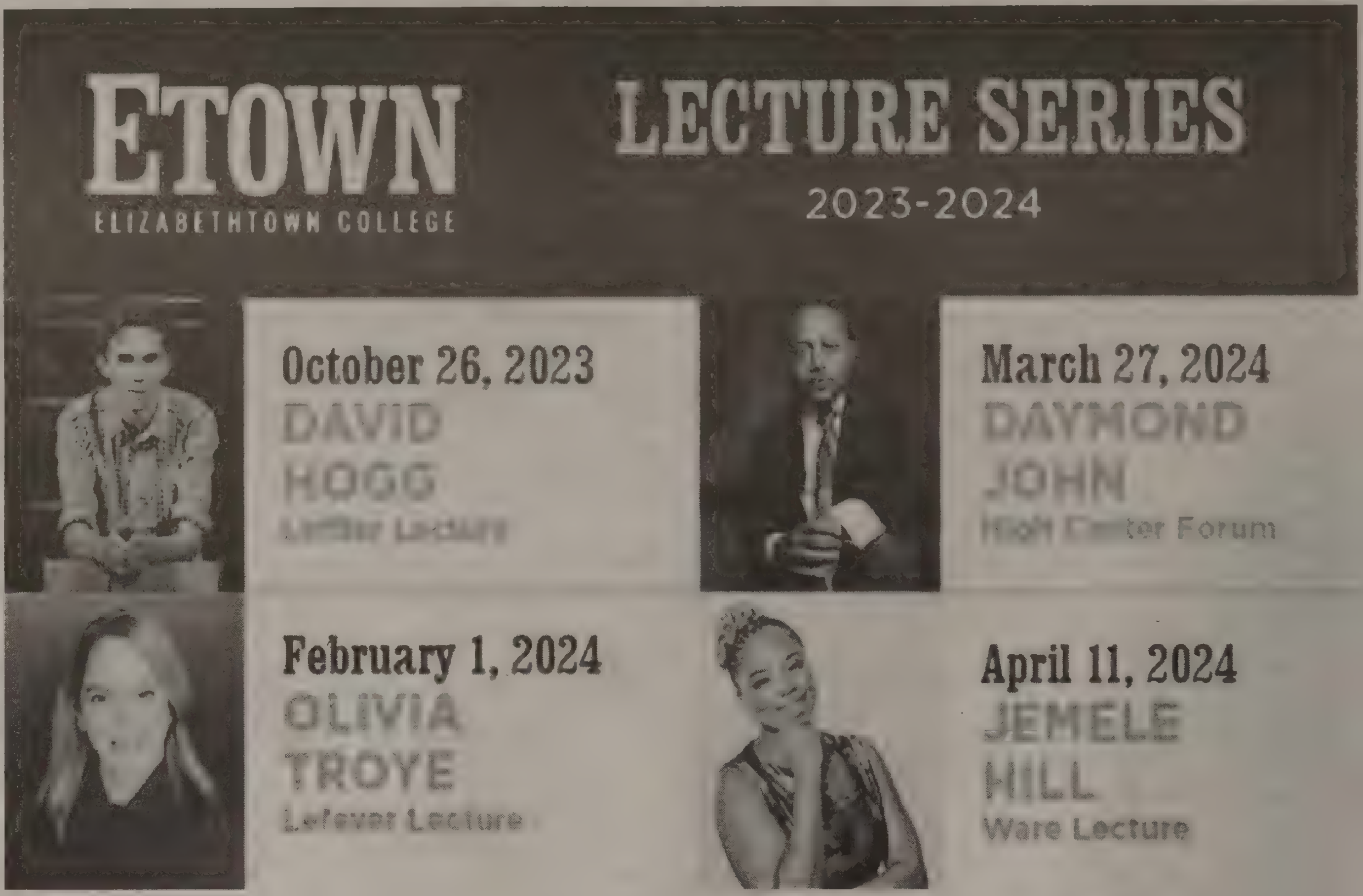
Elizabethtown College is having a 'Lecture Series' over the next few months with four internationally recognized and acclaimed speakers.



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The Lecture Series is free and available to all Etown students; people who wish to attend can register through the Etown website.

David Hogg

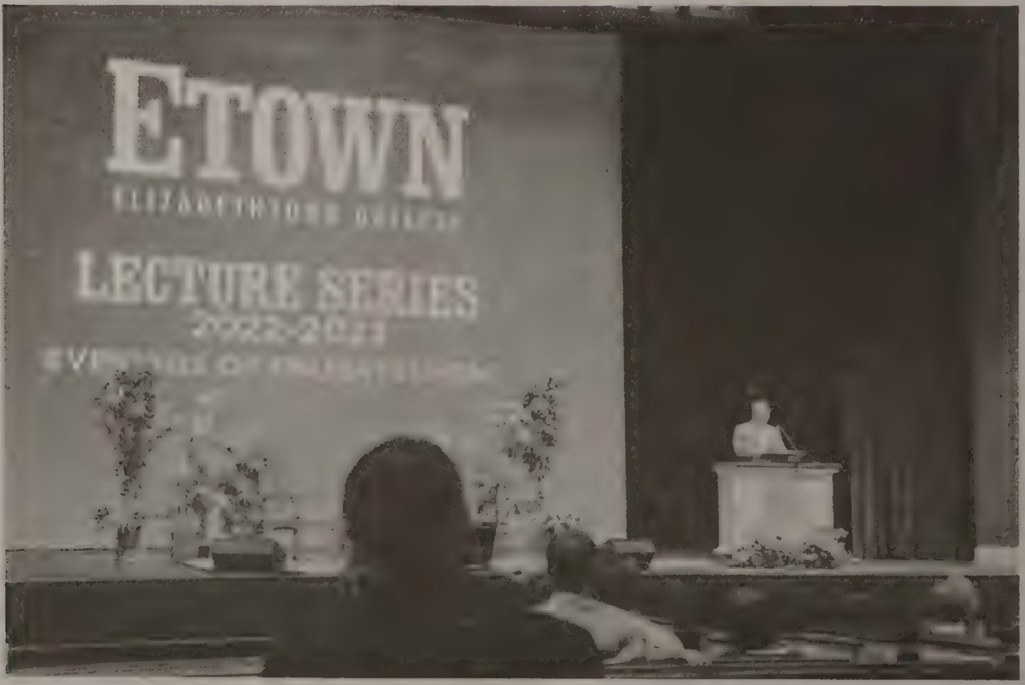
Gun control activist and survivor of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, Hogg gained notoriety after recording a video of himself and his classmates weighing in on gun violence prevention during an active shooter in his high school. "I was really thinking about, 'What has my impact been? What have any of our impacts been?' … I thought to myself, 'If I die today, I want my impact to be–if I die I want to tell a good story,'" he said. Hogg bravely used his experience as a platform to advocate for change. Now, Hogg is co-founder of March for Our Lives, a student-led organization that advocates for gun control. He attends Harvard University where he majors in political science.

Hogg's lecture will occur in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center on Oct. 26, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Olivia Troye

White House whistleblower on the Coronavirus Task Force for the Trump Administration, Troye risked everything to do what she believed was right. Troye served as former Vice President Mike Pence's Homeland Security and Counterterrorism advisor, as well as the lead staff member on the Coronavirus Task Force. Troye believed the government's pandemic response under the Trump administration was "being derailed by the person at the very top." Following Troye's resignation from her White House roles, she received death threats, lost friends and was vilified on social media. "Even if it means giving everything up, it's important to do the right thing for the greater good," she said. Troye is now director for the Republicans for Voting Rights and the Republican Accountability Project.

Troye's lecture will take place in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center on Feb. 1, 2024, at 7 p.m.



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Etown hosts a Lecture Series every year with prominent speakers from various fields to provide students with an opportunity to hear different perspectives.

Daymond John

Best known as the chief executive officer of FUBU–an acronym for 'For Us, By Us'–and as an investor on the hit reality television show 'Shark Tank,' John is a self-made multimillionaire with over twenty-five years of experience in the business world. Through success and failure, John has much to share about balancing and succeeding in business and life. In his keynote speech, John will discuss how to create the right mindset for business and lead his listeners through some fundamental principles known as "S.H.A.R.K Points."

John's lecture will take place at the Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square in Lancaster, Pa. on March 27, 2024 from 5-8:30 p.m. Registrations for the event open in Dec. 2023.

Jemele Hill

Emmy award-winning journalist and two-time Webby award-winning podcaster, Hill is well known for her podcast, "Jemele Hill is Unbothered." Hill has written for the Raleigh News & Observer, the Detroit Free Press and the Orlando Sentinel. Shortly after writing for the Orlando Sentinel, Hill began working for ESPN as a national columnist and was featured on several television segments including the show "His & Hers." In Hill's keynote speech, she will talk about her upbringing and how that has shaped her perspective as a journalist, author and speaker. Hill will also discuss how she has used her platform to address complex issues.

Hill's lecture will take place in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center on April 11, 2024, at 7 p.m.

The Lecture Series is free and available to all Etown students. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn and gain perspective from astounding individuals. Registration for the lectures is highly recommended. Because they are free, attendance is first come first serve, so register as soon as possible. Look up "lecture series" on the College website to access the registration page or go to etown.edu/offices/president/lecture-series.aspx

Bowers Writers House hosts author Brian Cuban

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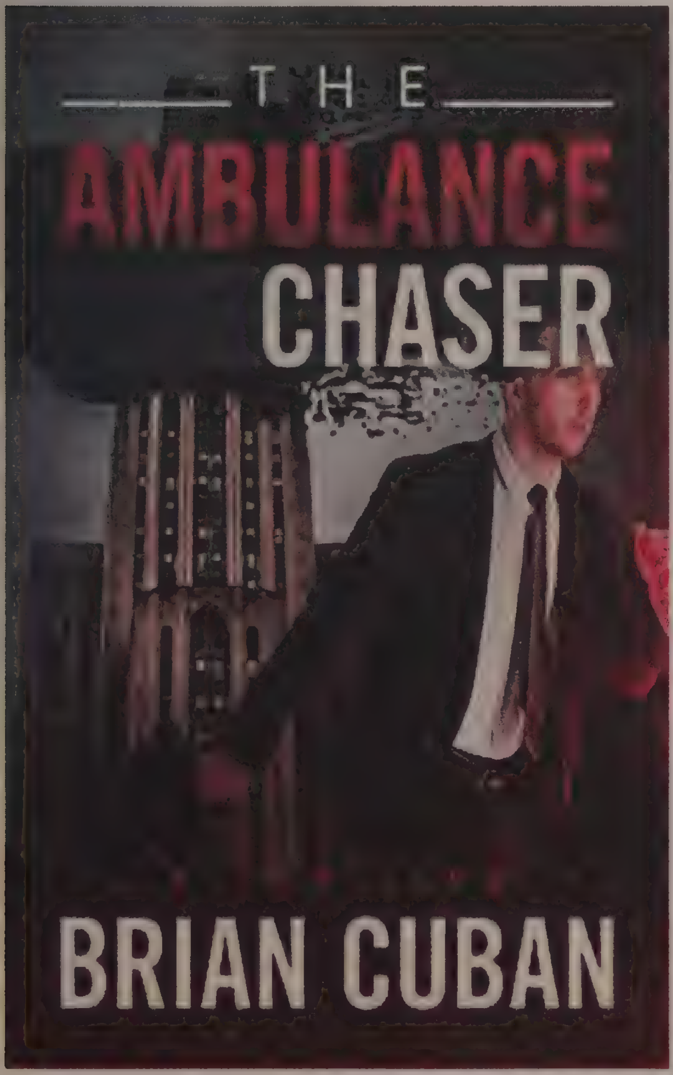
Mental health activist and thiller author Brian Cuban recently visited Elizabethtown College's Bowers Writers House to talk to students about writing both non-fiction and fiction pieces.

Mental health activist and thriller author Brian Cuban recently visited Elizabethtown College, speaking in the Bower's Writer's House on Sept. 27 as the first thriller author to be hosted on Etown's campus. Even if writing, reading and thrillers are not certain students' primary interests, Cuban presents a message pertinent to all students on the Etown campus.

Brain Cuban, brother of Dallas Mavericks owner and Shark Tank guru Mark Cuban, is a lawyer, author, speaker and mental health activist. Throughout his college years and early twenties, Brian struggled with substance abuse and body dysmorphia. Within his books and lectures, Brian brings awareness to his battle with substance abuse and body dysmorphia. "My recovery years turned into an explosion of creativity," Cuban said. Brian authored multiple non-fiction books, "The Addicted Lawyer" and "Shattered Images," bringing awareness to the struggles he was fighting. Recently, Cuban transitioned from non-fiction into the world of fiction by writing his first thriller novel, "The Ambulance Chaser."

Set in Cuban's hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa., protagonist and injury lawyer Jason Feldman is on the run from personal demons all while fighting a substance addiction. "Jason Feldman reflects a lot of myself." Cuban said. After witnessing and running from a horrible act nearly thirty years ago, Jason Feldman had moved on with his life. He had settled into a comfortable routine until suddenly ghosts from the past reappeared. The act that he witnessed and ran from when he was just a teen resurfaced again, forcing Jason into the limelight. "People remember the way you make them feel," Cuban said. With this action-packed thriller, Cuban understood d his duty as an author to keep his readers on the edge of their seats.



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Cuban's first thriller novel "The Ambulance Chaser" showcases the author's talents in fiction storytelling.

Cuban treated the fiction writing process similarly to the non-fiction writing process as he poured aspects of his own experiences into the characters and plot. "The challenge was making Jason his own unique character," Cuban said. "Protagonists can reflect you but not become you." For Cuban, implementing aspects of his own life while solidifying Jason's own character in "The Ambulance Chaser" was one of the main changes from writing non-fiction. "All I care about is I want to entertain and instill social awareness that matters to me like addiction." Cuban is passionate about raising awareness of the issues that plagued him while connecting with readers through a gripping thriller story.

Cuban resonates with college students because, for him, those years were primarily filled with addiction struggles and mental health issues. Not only does Cuban share his story through book pages, but he also imparts wise words of advice to Etown students who may identify with the same struggles he faced. "Talk to someone. Don't be afraid to be vulnerable. It is so important to have someone you can rely on…people love you," Cuban said. Not only does he have advice for students who are struggling, but he also calls friends and family of struggling students to action. Cuban suggests supporters use the two-question rule. "The first question is: 'Are you okay?' The second is: 'Do you know I am here for you?'" Cuban said. He also stresses the importance of community in college. "Compassionate community is the key to college. Close the circle of compassion around you so there is always somebody that you can reach out to." Not only can Cuban offer a new fast-paced thriller, but he also grants students practical first-hand advice on the battle of substance abuse and mental health issues.

For more events like these, stay posted for events the Bower's Writers House will be hosting. Even if a student may not identify as a "writer," the Writer's House hosts a slew of events that can interest any student. According to Professor Jesse Waters, Director of the Bowers Writers House, "Over the last 13 years since the Writers House has been in existence, we have brought in over 340 scholars, hosting over 375 events." The Writers House does not just host events for writers but caters to many different interdisciplinary studies and experts. Anything that has textual value can be the focal point of an event hosted at the Writers House, whether that is a meal, a piece of art or a digital program. One of the most exciting upcoming events will be hosted by author and environmentalist Bob Reiss. "This house provides support programmatically for everyone at the College," Waters stated. If students are looking to get involved with what the Bowers Writers House has to offer, stay tuned for upcoming lectures and events throughout the semester.

SEEDS and SWAG collaborate on health-promoting event

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One of the many ways that Etown has been positively benefiting the environmental climate in the community is by growing its own produce, including the Pawpaw fruit.

One of Elizabethtown College's main goals is to provide informative events that students and staff can engage in for meaningful experiences. Many clubs and organizations across campus have been holding events recently to educate students and staff about relevant topics across campus and in the community. One of the topics includes the environment.

One of the many ways that Etown has been positively benefiting the environmental climate in the community is by growing its own produce, including the Pawpaw fruit. The Pawpaw, also known as "North America's Tropical Fruit," is a native fruit in the state of Pennsylvania along with many other U.S States. While shaped similarly to papaya, a fruit that has a distinctly sweet flavor, this healthy treat is described as having a more mellow taste like a banana.

Pawpaws also have an important relationship with the environment and the species that are in it. Pawpaws are a host plant to the Zebra Swallowtail larvae, giving them a safe sanctuary to grow until they emerge. The papaw also serves as a main source of food for these insects. Other animals also feast on this sweet treat, including foxes, deer and birds. Etown also happens to grow and harvest their own pawpaws in the Dell near Schlosser Residence Hall. To inform the Etown population about this overlooked fruit, an event was held this past Thursday at the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being Demonstration Kitchen to introduce the endless recipes and fun activities you can have with this fruit.

On Thursday, Sept. 28, the Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability club (SEEDS), the Biodiversity and Health First-Year Seminar and Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) held a guided tour and taste-testing event in the Bowers Center Demo Kitchen from 3 to 5p.m. The attendees were welcomed to try delicious homemade treats where pawpaw was the main ingredient, including smoothies, flan and salsa. The students were also allowed to take part in themed games to learn more about the pawpaw fruit and its origin. The club decorated the kitchen with zebra swallowtail decorations in honor of the insect that relies on the fruit for nutrients.

The Etownian had the chance to interview social media coordinator of SEEDS, Senior Environmental Science and Graphic Design Jessica Gutekunst, to discuss the mission of the SEEDS club and share the type of events they host every year.

"The mission is to engage students in ecology and environmental science field and encourage them to stop by and get involved. We do a lot of things in the community. We do things like tree planting and checking tree tubes around campus," Gutekunst stated.

Gutekunst also informed The Etownian about the vital role that the pawpaw fruit has in the environment and the Pennsylvanian ecosystem altogether.

"We have been doing this event for a few years, and it's mainly because pawpaws are native to Pa., a lot of people do not know about them. We have a grove on campus next to Schlosser, which I did not even know about when I joined the club. Pawpaws also have a great relationship with Pa. wildlife like the Zebra Swallowtail Butterfly which we have hung up around the building. There's a lot of native Pa. fruits and plants, so we are just hoping to educate the public about the different species," Gunekunst added.

Having these hands-on campus events gives students and staff a better and up-close understanding of how the world around us interacts and what we can do to preserve the resources around us. Be sure to stay up-to-date for more demos in the demo kitchen at the Bowers Center as the school year progresses.

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SWAG and SEEDS held an event at the Demonstration Kitchen which introduced students to many recipes made with the Pawpaw fruit.

Which of these phone apps are you based on your zodiac sign?

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When you go to download an app, whether it be on Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store, there is a plethora of every type: news, games, streaming, etcetera. Some might argue that we have too many options. So, it's time to find out what app (that's on my phone) you are based on your zodiac sign. Use your sun, moon and rising for the most accurate reading.

Aries- As the youngest of the zodiacs, it only makes sense that you are one of the apps that I have had on my phone for about a decade: Minecraft Pocket Edition. While it is considered to be the lesser of the Minecraft versions, nothing can beat being able to mine on the go. Plus, the Creepers match your chaotic energy.

Taurus- The app for you, Taurus, is the one that most college students will recognize: Canvas. If someone wants a job, and they want it done well, they come to you. You're a worker ant, and that's the way you like it. Plus, you like the more luxurious things in life, so you've got to work for them!

Gemini- The perfect app that represents you is Airbuds, a social media app that shows you what your friends are listening to. You're an extrovert and love to keep track of what your besties are up to. It's also the perfect way to find new songs to add to your playlists!

Cancer- For the intuitive Cancer, your app must be Co-Star, a daily horoscope app. You are a very emotional person, and sometimes, that can be really overwhelming. With Co-Star, you'll get a hint of what your day might bring. With their Do's and Dont's section, you'll never be unprepared again (hopefully).

Leo- The app for you, dear Leo, is Instagram. You love showing your latest fit and aesthetic studying pictures. You are the one with the color-coordinated feed and the one who we all are jealous of. Too much of your time has been spent scrolling through your feed, and who are we to judge?

Virgo- For the Virgos, the app for you is Google Calendar. You probably have at least three calendars; one for work, school and fun. They're all probably color-coded, and you even schedule the little things like brushing your teeth. Even if some may think your methods are over-the-top, it's the best way for you to stay organized while everyone else is floundering.

Libra- When the stress of midterms and homework piles up, the app you should relax with is Like Dino!. This low-stakes, cozy game is all about helping an adorable dinosaur grow. You swipe back and forth to help him grow. Its encouraging messages will help calm you down after a long day.

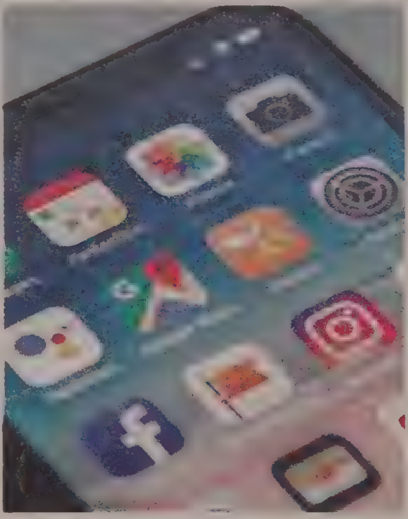
Scorpio- If you could only keep one app on your phone (besides your texting and calling functions), it would be the Notes app. Where else would you write down your angsty poems, your to-do lists and anything else your mysterious brain can think of?

Sagittarius- Because of your love of change and adapting, the app for you is Pinterest. You will definitely spend hours scrolling through pins trying to find your next DIY project or hairstyle. When life gets too boring, Pinterest will encourage your dreams, even if in the smallest ways.

Capricorn- This may not be the most fun answer in the world, but the app for you is Venmo. When your group goes out, you are the one who determines the budget and how much money needs to be sent where. In case your friends never say, thank you! You are the glue that holds the group nights together!

Aquarius- The best digital creative outlet for you, Aquarius, is Canva. I bet that you have the best presentations because you spend hours crafting decks that perfectly represent your topic. When your club needs a poster, they probably come to you. Canva is definitely your BFF.

Pisces- The app for you is Etsy. You are an extremely empathetic person, and this pops up when you gift give. Etsy is the perfect place to find that unique and special present for your loved ones. I won't tell if you end up buying something for yourself!



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There's an app for everything! Read to discover which ones you should try.

Welcome to the Jungle

Learn how ESA kitten Nox keeps a friend group company and captures the affection and attention of his owner

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Nox is a 5-month-old black cat who is dedicated to his role as junior Lux Hileman's emotional support animal (ESA). Nox was originally one of three kittens rescued by Hileman's friend and fellow Elizabethtown College student, junior Cassidy Rohrman and her family. After taking in the kittens off the street, the Rohrmans fostered Nox and his siblings and worked hard to find each of them a loving home. After hearing about the kittens, Hileman decided to drive from their hometown of Somerset, Pa. to Red Lion just to meet Nox.

"It was really exciting because it was the first time I got to have a cat. He was super social so he just came up and started to love on me right away. He was so nice and lovey really quick," Hileman said.

Anyone who has met Nox can confirm just how sweet and affectionate he is. Many of Hileman's friends consider him the official cat of the friend group, and he is always happy to have friends visit him. He loves affection from anyone who will give it, and is very even-tempered. One thing he is known for is holding hands with people, or holding onto your finger with his paw while he purrs.

"He is very mischievous and social. He likes to see everyone and meet new people," Hileman said.

Nox is also a very big fan of fun! He loves to play with just about anything. Some of his favorite things to play with are bugs, feet, empty bottles, plastic bags and other various items that he can find in Hileman's dorm room. His current favorite is a Sparkling Ice bottle, which Hileman has titled "Horizontal Bottle." Nox will not play with bottles that are sitting vertically, but there's just something about the tall Sparkling Ice bottle when it rolls around on the ground.

Nox also gets along very well with other animals, such as Hileman's family dog, Pepe the chihuahua, and senior Resident Assistant (RA) and Etownian Features Editor Samhar Almomani's cat Tyga. At first, when Nox met Tyga, he was a little scared of her, but he soon warmed up to her.

"He is very small because he was the runt of his litter, so he was about half Tyga's size. Now when I take him out to the lobby for a bit, he goes to Samhar's door to look for them," Hileman said.

Nox isn't just an affectionate and fun-loving kitten, he also has a job to do. As Hileman's ESA, he works to help them overcome anxieties, burnout, bad days and stressful situations. He does everything he can to cheer them up by cuddling, giving kisses and making them laugh with his antics.

"Whenever I have a bad day, he just makes me happy," Hileman said.

In order to have Nox properly registered as an ESA, Hileman received help from both their therapist and Etown's Disability Services to make sure all the paperwork was properly submitted. After some initial difficulty with the forms, Hileman reached out to Disability Services and did an interview with the department, which substituted some of the paperwork. If you need any help regarding the registration of an ESA of your own, be sure to reach out to Disability Services.

Photo courtesy of Lux Hileman

Nox is a very energetic and sociable cat! He loves to play and explore Lux Hileman's dorm.

Media Review

Get lost in the mystery of "Only Murders in the Building"

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If you're looking for a new murder mystery to dive into, you're in for a real treat with "Only Murders in the Building." Starring Selena Gomez, Martin Short and Steve Martin, this series challenges the idea of a classic murder mystery/true crime storyline by combining the two elements, creating an intriguing atmosphere with complex, suspenseful mysteries. Perfect for fans of "The Hardy Boys," "Clue" and "Knives Out," Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building" will have murder mystery and true crime fans alike on the edge of their seats.

Over recent years, true crime podcasts have taken the world by storm, and the fictional universe of "Only Murders in the Building" is no exception. Recently releasing its third season, the murder mystery comedy/drama features disparate characters Mabel Mora, Charles Haden-Savage and Oliver Putnam, who live in the same apartment building, New York City's "Arconia." While these three seem as if they couldn't be more different, they all share a collective interest in the fictional true crime podcast "All is not OK in Oklahoma." When they discover their shared interest, they quickly become friends as they attempt to solve the murder in the podcast.

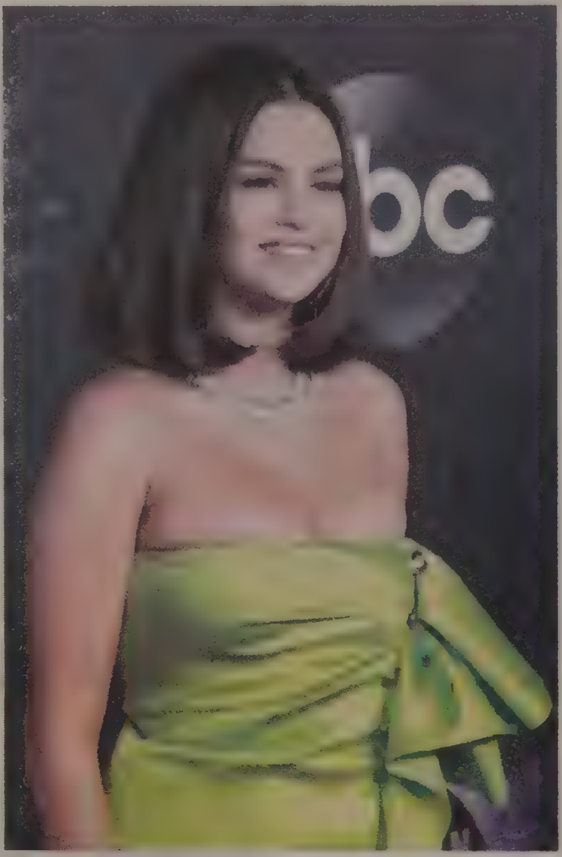
What they don't expect, though, is that they may have to put their mystery-solving skills to use when a sudden death occurs in the Arconia.

What makes this stand out from other mystery shows is its connection to true crime podcasts. Like many of its audience members, Mora, Haden-Savage and Putnam love to get sucked into a deep, spellbound mystery, further relating the characters to the audience. While the premise of the show surrounds a fictional podcast, at its heart, it's really about how something so seemingly small can bring people together.

Many may not know that beloved actress and singer Gomez is an executive producer of the show. Gomez has done it all–she starred in Disney's "Wizards of Waverly Place," became a pop star and received Grammy, Emmy and Golden Globe awards. Growing up watching true crime shows with her mom, starring and producing "Only Murders in the Building" was the perfect opportunity for Gomez, who loves crime-solving just as much as her character does.

As someone who avidly enjoys binging murder mystery movies, books and TV shows, I adored "Only Murders in the Building." The podcast element of the show was what initially drew me in, but I kept watching it for the transfixing mystery and the intriguing character dynamics. Mora, Haden-Savage and Putnam become like a family, ironically finding solace, comfort and acceptance in each other during these dark times.

As the seasons continue and new mysteries are introduced, the trio will stop at nothing to uncover the truth and bring innocent people justice.



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This intriguing mystery series features Martin Short, Steve Martin and Selena Gomez.

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Charles and Bessie Apgar were married Biology professors at Etown until 1967. Charles was the head of the Biology department and advised many clubs. In 1950, he and Bessie were both recognized for their hard work and dedication to supporting their students.

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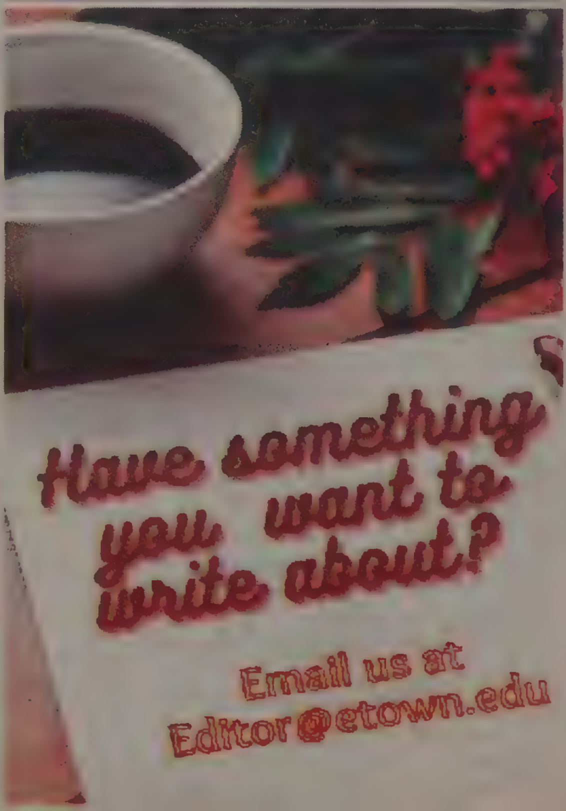
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Business Review: Gus's Keystone Resaurant

Sit down and enjoy your favorite diner menu items at this affordable restaurant only a short drive from campus

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Since Homecoming and Family Weekend is almost here, it's important to know all the best places to get lunch and dinner when your family and friends come to visit. So this week, I'll be reviewing a local diner, Gus's Keystone Restaurant.

Gus's is located at 1050 West Main Street, less than 10 minutes from campus. It's open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., every day of the week.

As with most diners, the menu is fairly varied, so patrons can order almost anything they're craving. This time, I decided to get the honey mustard chicken wrap and chicken noodle soup from the lunch specials menu, and my friend ordered a burger as well as a slice of chocolate mousse cake each. We both had iced tea to drink.

The iced tea was a bit watery and needed more sugar for my taste, but the soup was a comforting classic and the wrap had a nice balance of all the ingredients. My friend was also happy to find that their burger was done just the way they'd asked, without excessive charring. The food is served in reasonably large portions and meals come with a side of crisp kettle-cooked chips, so my friend and I ended up taking our dessert to-go. It was well worth the wait to eat it. The chocolate was rich but not too sweet and the mousse topping had an excellent consistency.

Unfortunately, Gus's Keystone Restaurant is not on the list of places that are part of the Blue Jay Student Discount Program, but with a drink, main course and dessert, each of our meals only came to a total of about $19. Considering I still wasn't able to finish my food and we both had dessert to take back to our dorms, I'd say the diner's portions give good value for your money. Previously, I've ordered chicken piccata and a quesadilla, both of which I was able to eat my fill in the restaurant and have another full meal to store in my fridge and heat up the next day.

Despite being there during the lunch rush, the service seemed pretty consistent with my previous visits, with the staff being friendly and attentive. The manager also came around and greeted each table, checking to make sure things were running smoothly.

The busyness made the space somewhat loud and crowded, but there was no wait for a table and still plenty of seats available since the restaurant has two dining rooms separated by a wall. There are both booths and tables, and we were asked which we preferred even though there were many people already seated. Both dining rooms feature minimal, simple decor, which helps create a homey atmosphere when it's slow.

Gus's Keystone Restaurant is a great place to sit down and have a delicious yet affordable meal with friends when the Marketplace isn't serving your favorite or to bring your family when they make the drive to visit. There's something for everyone on the menu, even fan favorites like chicken tenders, so little siblings and picky eaters can still enjoy pleasant and filling food.

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If you're looking for a new place to try for a bite to eat, Gus's has you covered with a plethora of hot and fresh options.

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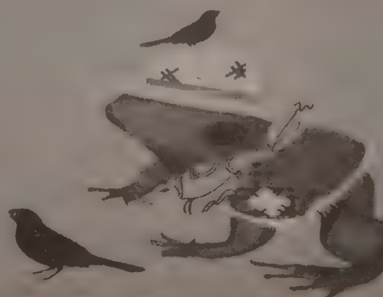

Activity Review

Take time to relax with one of Etown's sunrise yoga classes

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College students are constantly looking forward to the weekend; it gives them a break from stressful chemistry classes and lets them take a nap or two without worrying about late assignments. One of the many activities that has been offered here at Elizabethtown College is sunrise yoga. The class has been offered twice this year so far and the students who attended are anticipating the next potential class. It's the perfect way to ease into the weekend and prepare for the coming Monday.

The class has either been on a Saturday or Sunday morning, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Wolf Field. It is taught by one of the wonderful fitness instructors at Etown: Alyssa Rio. She offers additional classes during the week, but sometimes, those ones are harder to make it to when students are focusing on classes. The weekend opportunity provides the perfect time for people who are too busy during the week. She flows through beginner and intermediate poses and even encourages those who are willing to try some advanced ones! She's always sure to tell us how this benefits us and thanks every one of us for showing up to the mat that day.

I personally attended the first class held in August, right when classes were starting up. The Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-Being supplies mats and yoga blocks to the people who don't have their own, so these classes are a great introduction to the practice. Rio begins and ends her practice with some short reflection work; she encourages us to set a goal for ourselves. My favorite part of the class is that she suggests different variations of each pose, so every person with every level of experience can participate the same. She also ensures variety. She doesn't repeat the same exact flow every class, so there are new poses to try every time!

First-year Emma Rhoton attended the most recent class on a bright Saturday morning. She said that, "practicing outside in the fresh air is always relaxing and rejuvenating." Practicing yoga in general is perfect for stress relief and for waking yourself up for the day, so this class takes it one step further by hosting it out in the beautiful morning weather. This event is just the experience that college students need to prepare our minds for the approaching school week.

All in all, the idea of trying something new can be scary, but the yoga classes here are catered to everyone! Everybody is compassionate on the mat and the instructor encourages people to try whatever they want. Plus, the benefits are endless. Whether you want to improve your balance, your flexibility or just engage your mind in something rewarding, I highly recommend signing up to try a yoga class! You can do this easily by going to the Bowers Center Group Fitness schedule on Etown's website and clicking "register."

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Early morning yoga is a great way to wake up for the day and get your blood flowing. Join Alyssa Rio for a calming and energizing experience!

Debate of the Week

Pumpkin spice: Is it really worth the seasonal hype?

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We all have our guilty pleasures in life. Some endlessly scroll on Zillow to look at lofty mansions in California, unaffordable though they may be. Others pull up to Starbucks—eyes wide and mouth salivating—each year on the release day of the glorious pumpkin spice latte.

Imagine: you drive up to the window and pay an outrageous 6 dollars, but it doesn't matter. The barista hands you the drink—it's light orange in color but just enough to make your heart skip a beat with anticipation. You ignore the sweat dripping through your fall-themed orange sweater on the 90-degree day as you take the first sip. What follows is pure nostalgic bliss. And this repeats, year after year. Let's take a step back. Is pumpkin spice actually worth it? Or do we just get caught up in the hoopla of the season?

Pumpkin spice has grown from a coffee flavor to a lifestyle. There now exists pumpkin spice-flavored foods like chips, cream cheese and cereal as well as other unhinged products like body wash, deodorant, car washing soap and even pumpkin-scented trash bags. Perhaps our obsession with the fall flavor has gone too far.

First-year Wil Gaskins said, "I like pumpkin spice, but I'm more of a caramel guy. Pumpkin spice is a bit overhyped." Maybe we should stick to the original flavors like caramel and vanilla.

Or, perhaps it gives us something to look forward to during one of the most hectic times of the year. First-year Emily Lindner said, "Pumpkin spice is a good way to kick off the fall season because not everywhere can people see the leaves turning red to signify the change from summer to fall." As a true fan, she believed that the arrival of long-awaited pumpkin flavors is a reliable way to know fall is coming, along with sweaters, apple picking and pumpkin patches!

At the end of the day, I am a sucker for the pumpkin spice latte. Come September, coffee shops all around can take my money in return for a warm mug of comfort. I have accepted the fact that, every year, I will show up to Starbucks on the first day of September with a little drool running down my chin. Despite this, I've noticed that local coffee shops tend to far exceed Starbucks taste-wise, and they are oftentimes lower in price. If you are looking for a warm fall ambiance and superior coffee all around, make a trip down to EVO 206 or Folklore Coffee & Co. this fall. Whether you think the flavor is impeccable or downright overrated, there's no doubt that fall is in the air.

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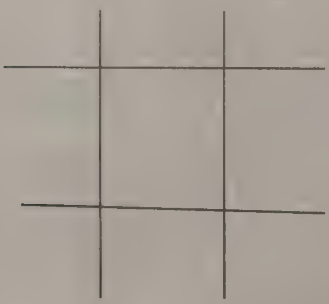
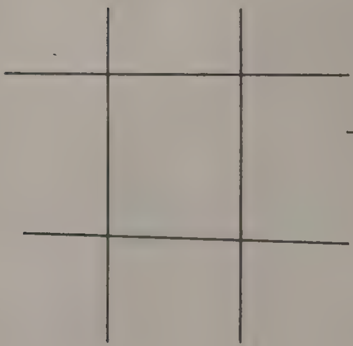
Stop by the Blue Bean or a local coffee shop to enjoy this increasingly popular fall flavor.





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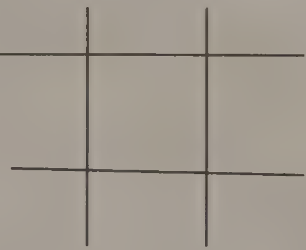

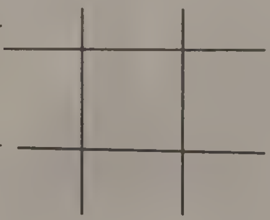

Field Hockey picks up second win in Landmark Conference Play

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The Elizabethtown College field hockey team picked up another win on Saturday, Sept. 30. Drew University traveled to Etown to take on the Blue Jays on Wolf Field at 1 p.m., and the home team was well-prepared. They came out firing early and often while also putting on a show on the defensive end of the field. The team managed 23 shots, 15 of which were on goal, and held Drew to just 5 shots, 4 on goal. Eventually, they picked up their fifth win of the season, 3-2.

It took just three minutes for the Blue Jays to prove that they were back on track. Junior forward Riley Stephan put the crowd on their feet early after her effort found the back of the net and put her team up early. Susquehanna had the opportunity to respond quickly, but junior goalie Angelina Giglio-Tos kept them off the scoreboard with a nice save. The Jays would continue to put pressure on Susquehanna's defense but were held to one goal by the end of the period.

The second period was one for the ages. The two teams went back and forth, and it started with Susquehanna. Susquehanna quickly bounced back from the early deficit, sending a strike past Giglio-Tos. However, it wasn't long until Etown was back on the board. Six minutes later sophomore defender Rachel Troutman took the lead back with a goal off an assist from graduate student midfielder Chloe Smith. From that point, it seemed like the Blue Jays were back to dominating on both ends, but with just a minute left in the period, Susquehanna was able to sneak another shot into Etown's net and tie things up once more.

The last two periods were dominated defensively on both sides. Neither team let off many shots in the third period, as Etown took the only two shots of the period. In the 39th minute, Etown's offensive pressure proved to be too much when sophomore forward Drew Bridges, who fired off seven shots on goal that day, finally scored to put Etown up 3-2. In the fourth period, the Jays put Susquehanna away. Their offense was once again hounding Susquehanna's defense, and while Susquehanna kept them off the scoreboard, they were unable to find the goal they needed. Giglio-Tos made one more clutch save in the 54th minute to put the opponent away and send the home fans home happy.

This win ends Etown's two-game losing streak and also moves the team to 2-1 in Landmark Conference play. With a 5-4 overall record, the Blue Jays put themselves in a good position as they prepare to play six straight conference opponents. Up next on the schedule is Susquehanna University at home on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1 p.m.

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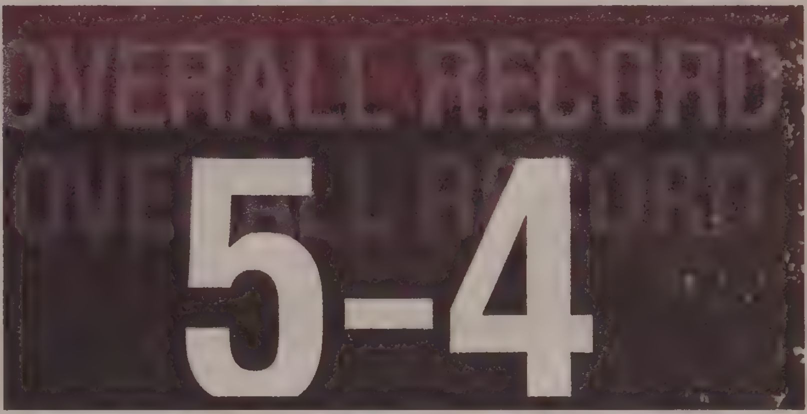
Etown's hockey team ended a losing streak with their win against Drew University.



Women's volleyball shows resilience in bounce back win

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After a tough loss against Juniata College (12-0, 1-0 LC) on Friday, Sept. 29, Elizabethtown College's women's volleyball team (7-6, 1-1 LC) put out an impressive 3-0 win against Lycoming College (10-3, 0-2 LC) on Saturday, Sept. 30. The Jays led and won each set in a dominant fashion, particularly the latter two where they held a considerable lead over Lycoming for much of the entirety of each set. This is a good turnaround for the team in comparison to the Juniata match, where the Jays only managed to score 6 more points in the entire match than in just the first set against Lycoming. It is important to recognize that Juniata is currently leading the league and is undefeated.

Against a better matched opponent, the Jays were able to display their power on the court, beating Lycoming in every stat: Kills (38-30), Blocks (5-3), Aces (6-4), Digs (92-86) and Points (49-37). The difference in the attitude of the two teams was also very apparent, with Etown remaining positive and cheerful through the match, even when Lycoming tried to close the gap in the 3rd set; however, Lycoming became increasingly frustrated and flustered as the match went on.

The first set was extremely competitive between the two sides, lasting almost 35 minutes and ending 27-25 for the Jays. Both teams rallied back and forth, with balanced play between the Jays and the Warriors. However, that was the end of any sort of balanced play, with the Jays coming out and finishing the second set in a dominant fashion, and Lycoming only putting up a fight for a short rally in the middle of the set.

The third set went even smoother than the second, for the most part. The Jays held a consistent lead for the entirety of the set, maintaining a six-to-nine-point gap for almost the entire set. Lycoming almost rallied near the end, where they closed the gap from 16-24 all the way to 21-24, however the Jays managed to snag that crucial last point. Their commanding lead allowed the Jays to put in several first year players, allowing them to gain important experience on court, even if they're not playing entire matches.

Hopefully, this positive result will carry into their coming matches against Drew University (2-10, 1-1 LC) on Oct. 6 and University of Scranton (7-7, 2-0 LC) on Oct. 7. Both should be winnable matches, so long as the Jays keep the positive energy and play of the Lycoming match.

This rebound should be a good sign of the Jays' resiliency and ability to keep moving forward, even after a tough result. Their pefor-mance against Lycoming should set themup for a good coming week and keep their record moving in a more positive direction.

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The Elizabethtown College Volleyball team won against Lycoming College.

Breanna Stewart wins 2023 WNBA MVP in thrilling race

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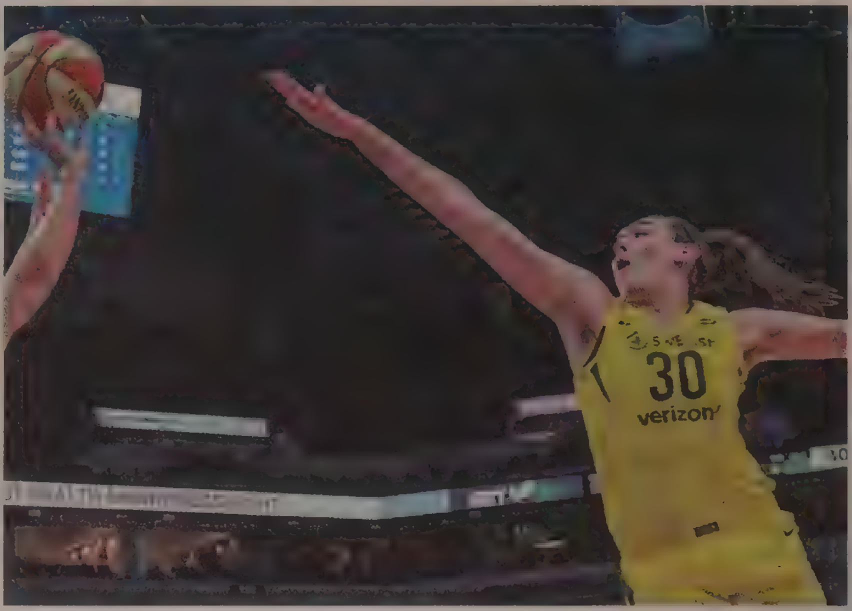
The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) named New York Liberty forward Breanna Stewart the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 2023 season last week. Stewart found out on Wednesday, Sept. 27 that her efforts were enough to earn the prestigious award, landing the second MVP award of her illustrious career.

Stewart earned 446 points when the final ballots were counted, narrowly beating out two other strong contenders for the award. Connecticut Sun forward Alyssa Thomas finished second with 439 points, and Las Vegas Aces forward A'ja Wilson fell just short of winning her second consecutive MVP, with 433 points.

The Liberty forward's 2023 showing was well-deserving of this honor. Stewart was second in the league in points per game with 23 and also crashed the glass for 9.3 rebounds per game. Her game-by-game performances led the team to the second-best record in the league at 32-8. With this award, Stewart further cements herself as one of the top players in the league.

Thomas, the runner-up, was thought to be the favorite. She put together a historic campaign. The forward was practically flirting with a triple-double on a nightly basis, averaging 15.5 points, 9.9 rebounds and 7.9 assists per game this season. She tallied six triple-doubles by the end of the regular season, a feat that has never been accomplished, setting the record for most triple-doubles in a career in just one season. The Sun star is on a blazing path toward excellence, and fans are rightfully shocked by her second-place finish.

Wilson hoped to join the prestigious list of WNBA players to win three MVP awards in a career this season, but that achievement will have to wait. The 27-year-old's MVP-caliber season included 22.8 points and 9.5 rebounds per game and a stellar season on the defensive end of the court. However, this was not enough to catch the eye of enough voters. One voter even shockingly placed her fourth place on their ballot. While it certainly left Wilson disappointed, the forward still takes home some hardware, being named the Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight season, highlighted by a league-leading 2.2 blocks per game.



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In 2016, the WNBA named Stewart (30) Rookie of the Year.

All in all, it was a tight race, but also one that raised questions. People have come out with concerns about the decisions of voters. In Thomas' case, should the player who recorded one of the best single seasons ever fall short of taking home the award? For Wilson, how can a clear top-three player in the league for the league's best team receive a fourth-place vote? These are questions that the voting committee might need to reflect on. There wasn't a wrong choice between the three, and Stewart is more than deserving, but with the seasons Thomas and Wilson had, it left some people scratching their heads. Regardless, this was one of the greatest MVP races in the league's history, and it is clear that the future of the WNBA is in good hands.

Video Game Review : Fae Farm (Switch/PC)

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Despite what criticism might cause one to believe, flaws in a game's design do not prevent one from enjoying said game. Players can overlook flaws and enjoy broken games like Pokémon Violet/Scarlet, and a game's best aspects can overwhelm its poorer elements. Fae Farm achieves this phenomenon by centering its design around inclusivity and improvements to the typical farming simulation gameplay despite the issues posed by the game's story and presentation.

Fae Farm's strength comes from its commitment to inclusivity for all types of players, due to its quality-of-life features. Most farming sims require players to fidget with their limited inventory space and contend with strict consequences for staying up late. Fae Farm trashes these archaic design choices by giving the player constant access to tools and automatically switching to an appropriate farming tool for harvesting purposes and only ends the day without consequence if the player stays up too late.

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FaeFarm provides improvements on Farming Simulation Gameplay.

One final boost to inclusivity comes from how the game encourages several playstyles. For example, the menu option helps players who manage to get stuck and the ability to jump allows players to explore as they please without fear! Meanwhile, the game encourages players to do whatever they want in a day as they can extend their daily energy in the form of energy-boosting pickups, cooking and magic spells.

The cooking system also provides a desired improvement to similar yet complex mechanics seen in other games. Whereas farming simulations require the player to obtain several specific items to cook dishes with little benefit relative to the time spent on acquiring said meal, Fae Farm reduces the complexity of these mechanics and makes cooking as easy as throwing everyday items into a fire. These design choices exhibit a thoughtfulness towards the player not usually seen in most modern titles.

This thoughtfulness comes at the cost of performance, however. Whenever the game loads something, the game may freeze up for a moment. These moments can last long enough to make one wonder whether the game crashed. The feeling of momentary brokenness only becomes accentuated when villagers slide across the ground instead of walking after the player converses with them.

Additionally, the story mode feels restrictive. While farming simulations feature a railroaded storyline or unlockable features, they reduce linearity by implementing inherently non-linear mechanics. Meanwhile, Fae Farm bluntly presents the player with a linear questline. In the early game, this causes the experience to feel like a lengthy tutorial. Of course, a linear story-driven farming simulation could work flawlessly, but the quality of such an idea depends heavily on the plot.

Unfortunately, Fae Farm's plot lacks panache by leaning towards telling, not showing, and failing to do either. One usually witnesses important story events via a series of impact-lacking drawings, which causes one's investment to feel like it amounted to nothing. Additionally, some events lack immediate explanation, like the sudden appearance of fairies throughout the village after the player clears the first dungeon.

Despite these flaws, the game still feels fun to play! All the common features of farming simulations are here and pleasant to experience. Additionally, the game adds to the fun by giving players a sense of constant achievement. Whether this accomplishment comes from the unlockable crafting recipes sprinkled throughout the land, the frequent level-ups, the immense number of crafting stations or the implementation of unlockable fast travel, Fae Farm provides a constant stream of engagement with the player.

The game also features multiplayer, albeit with a few caveats. While players can join their friends' worlds and play through the game together, one must create a new character to do so. This makes sense on paper—as the ability to bring late-game materials into other worlds could wreck the game's linear nature—but comes across as a pointless restriction in execution. Fae Farm is not a competitive online game, it is a story-driven farming game. The experience of other players would remain enjoyable despite their friends bringing in random items.

All in all, I give FaeFarm an 8/10!

Like Stardew Valley? Fae Farm may be your new obsession!

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Etown SGPS to offer two new certificate programs

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The Elizabethtown College School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS) has announced the formation of two new graduate certificate programs: one in nonprofit leadership and the other in operations and supply-chain management.

These online programs will officially launch in January 2024 for the spring semester. The programs both require twelve credits for completion; these credits can be applied toward a 36-credit Master of Business Administration (MBA) or Master of Strategic Leadership (MSL) degree. Each course in the sequence was carefully designed to help students to advance their business careers.

According to Associate Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies Marcy McCarty, these programs were inaugurated in response to demands of the local economy and to fit the needs of the college: “Both programs are Etown mission-centric in expanding life-long learning opportunities in the graduate learning space that will meet industry workforce, community and student demands.”

The non-profit leadership program was developed in order to provide students with the financial, organizational and leadership knowledge they will need to succeed in the field. The four required courses will provide advanced training in financial management of non-profit businesses, but they will also train students to advocate for their institutions at the government level and to be effective leaders in the non-profit space.

Importantly, students will also have the opportunity for hands-on learning experience in collaboration with Etown’s High Center for Nonprofits.

The non-profit leadership program was created from a new partnership between the SGPS and the High Business Center, which recently expanded into the nonprofit industry. “We leveraged that partnership to identify the labor needs in the non-profit industry directly from executives and assist in development of the curriculum to ensure competencies that will assist learners in securing a non-profit organization's vitality,” McCarty explained.

A graduate certificate in operations and supply-chain management will provide students with the technological and problem-solving skills that will advance their careers with businesses in Elizabethtown and the surrounding areas. Graduates will be qualified to lead in a variety of prominent fields in the local economy, including agriculture, hospitality and manufacturing.

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FAFSA process simplified, may award more aid

Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

Students can work with their assigned financial aid counselor if they need assistance filling out the FAFSA.

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) rolls around each year for American college students, and each year it seems to be a little different. All students who wish to apply for federal, state and institutional financial aid must apply.

This year, the process includes a new system that could make it easier for students to apply and provide more opportunity for aid, according to Senior Director of Financial Aid Melodie Jackson.

The most important piece of information Elizabethtown College students need to know throughout all financial aid processes is that there is help.

“Every student is assigned a dedicated financial aid counselor who can assist them through the financial aid process,” Jackson said.

To speak with their counselor, students should contact the Financial Aid Office, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. They can set up a time to meet with a counselor, who can walk them through the process. The financial aid website also has a list of commonly asked questions for students to browse.

To file a FAFSA, students first need to collect or create their Federal Student Aid (FSA) identification. All students who have already filed a FAFSA in the past should already have an account and can visit studentaid.gov to log in or find their account information. Both students and parents need to fill out their FSA form, which includes their Social Security number.

The next step for students is to determine if parents or guardians are considered a contributor, and if so, which parent or guardian. A contributor is someone who is required to report their financial information to the FAFSA.

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The College annouces its 30th annual Into the Streets

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Volunteering is a cornerstone of Elizabethtown College, as it encapsulates the motto of “Educate for Service” and puts the students into a community that they might otherwise not be able to engage with. The College provides unique opportunities to serve throughout the year to encourage students to spread their resources to those who are more disadvantaged than them.

“Into the Streets,” a volunteer opportunity in the fall provided by the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE), gives a chance for students, faculty, alumni or anyone around the area who wants to volunteer. The opportunities happen either during a morning shift from 9-12, during an afternoon shift from 12-4 or through both. For those who do not have transportation, they can volunteer at the school or be provided transportation to the different sites.

This year it is happening on Saturday, Oct. 21 with the theme of ‘Falling Into the Streets.’ It is partnered with Elizabethtown Community Housing and Outreach Services (ECHOS), Community Cupboard, Girls on the Run, Latino Hispanic American Community Center and more. The three main opportunities are doing projects in the Koons Activity Venue (KAV), volunteering at a local agency or being a fall fest operator. Each of these different opportunities encapsulates different group sizes and the different wants of the people serving, as those who sign up can rank the choices they are offered.

Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

A long tradition at Etown, Into the Streets honors the College's motto of "Educate for Service."

It is also the 30th anniversary of the engagement efforts of “Into the Streets” which marks an important dedication to service that spans across the decades of the College’s history. Even in an ever-changing world, this remains a constant not only through the dedicated efforts of CCCE staff and student workers but through those who choose to be involved.

Plenty of students are participating this year at a variety of sites and are excited about doing so for a variety of reasons, including the fact that the opportunities are closely aligned to their future career choices.

“I’m planning on doing ‘Into the Streets’ this year because there’s a lot of great organizations that’s a part of it and it’s a great way to get involved and help out within the community,” junior social work major Antonia Raimondo said.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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While many argue the so-called "Metaverse" hasn't gone mainstream yet, that has not deterred Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who this week announced 2 brand new products: the Quest 3 Virtual Reality (VR) Headset and a pair of Ray-Ban smart glasses.

The announcements were made at the Meta Connect Developer conference last week, a 2-day event centered on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Augmented Reality.

Zuckerberg is continuing the push for VR with the Quest 3, a sizable piece of hardware that will fit over a person's whole head. This contraption is comparable to a pair of ski-goggles, and many say this is the barrier stopping Meta and VR in general from being adopted by the general public. A phone in the hand is more convenient than a machine obscuring your field of vision.

The Meta CEO was quick to espouse his belief that the future will be a blend of the physical and digital worlds.

"The physical world around us is amazing. One of life's great joys is being able to go outside and explore. Our industry has been building up this digital world alongside it. People say, 'The digital world isn't the real world,' but we really think the real world is a combination of the physical world we inhabit and the digital world we're building," Zuckerberg said at the conference.

According to the company, Meta Quest 3 isn't just VR, but a "mixed reality," meaning it isn't an all-encompassing visual experience. It will allow users to see the real world a little more as part of the experience.

Meta has spent billions in the last few years investing in the 'metaverse,' and it's showing in their new hardware. The Quest will be slimmer and lighter than the previous model, as can be expected when products advance in updates.

The device was made available Oct. 10, with a base-model cost of $500. This includes 128 GB of storage. A 512-GB option will cost $650.

For those seeking a less all-consuming tech experience, perhaps check out the new collaboration between Meta and Ray-Ban.

These AI-powered glasses will allow users to snap photos, record videos up to 60 seconds and livestream, among other utilities. The videos capture in 1080p HD and photos in 12 megapixels.

This is not the first partnership between the two cultural giants, but these shades have an upgraded processor with longer battery life, up to 36 hours.

They're customizable as well with over 150 different frame and lens combinations. The microphone and speakers in each allow for communication with a built-in AI chatbot.

Research has shown smart glasses are becoming more popular, especially among Millennial and Gen-Z buyers.

The starting price for the 2nd Gen Meta Ray-Bans will be $299, with availability beginning Oct. 17.

The close proximity of release dates shows that Meta is confident in both of these products to serve their niches within the community, with the Ray-Ban partnership possibly offering a gateway into the mainstream with their sleek design.

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Students are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA

The term "custodial parents" has also changed. They are now the parents who provided the most financial support instead of the parents with whom the student lived most during the past 12 months.

All FAFSA contributors, including the student, need to file federal tax information with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The system with which the FAFSA pulls the information has changed, though. The FAFSA can now pull tax information directly from the IRS, but the FAFSA contributors must first give consent for the transfer of data.

Expected family contribution used to factor greatly in the FAFSA but is now changed with the student aid index. The index is a new need analysis formula which will be used when awarding student aid.

Although these changes may seem overwhelming, Jackson said there will be fewer questions to answer and easier data transfer, which could simplify things for students. She also said the new methodology should result in more students applying for federal Pell Grants.

The FAFSA form is not yet available, which is a change from previous years when the application opened in early fall. Jackson said the form will be released in December. The specific date that it's available has not been released, but Jackson said the Financial Aid office plans to keep students informed of the most recent developments. She recommends students check both the financial aid website and their email, which is the College's official mode of communications, for updates.

It's important that students fill out the FAFSA, even if they do not believe they're eligible for federal aid because the form is also used for state and institutional awards. Since the process is streamlined, students should be able to fill it out with relative ease compared to previous years.

Returning students will be notified of their 2024-25 financial offer in May or June. Students can check their current financial status on the Financial Aid Student Aid Portal.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Eying a potential 2028 presidential run, Pennsylvania's governor has had to navigate a few unexpected hurdles in the way.

Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, recently experienced another trial in his rookie year as Pennsylvania's governor, even as his approval rating rocketed to more than 60%, according to a poll from the conservative Commonwealth Foundation.

On Sept. 28, SpotlightPA broke news that Mike Vereb, who resigned as Shapiro's secretary of legislative affairs earlier in the week, was accused of sexual harassment against a female Shapiro administrative employee months earlier. Multiple other news outlets confirmed that a complaint was filed with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, although Vereb has declined to comment on multiple interviews.

According to multiple outlets, the complaint alleges Vereb made multiple inappropriate comments both to the staffer and about a female senator. The staffer left her position in March.

Parties who file complaints with the commission are allowed to settle privately, even after filing. It's unclear where the complaint currently stands. Two former aides to Shapiro have spoken to multiple different outlets disputing portions of the complaint.

The complaint and resignation raised concerns over Shapiro's knowledge of Vereb's behavior, especially with the time gap between the two events. Republican Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward said the issue "raises concerns related to [the Governor's office] workplace practices" in a press release and brought up the still unfinished budget.

Ward has frequently sparred with Shapiro, especially earlier in the year during the school voucher-related budget implosion.

At a press conference for an unrelated issue last week, Shapiro spoke publicly on the matter for the first time. Instead of answering direct questions on the issue or mentioning Vereb by name, he pointed to his administration's track record, including his chief of staff and general counsel, who are both women.

Shapiro's response to Ward was simple—"consider the source."

Vereb has worked with Shapiro for decades, including as a staffer in the office of attorney general while Shapiro held the position.

In that position, Shapiro prosecuted the Roman Catholic clergy sex abuse scandal, implicating more than 300 priests for child sexual abuse, which he pointed to when asked about the accusation against Vereb in an interview with Politico.

A national outlet reporting on a small staffer resignation in a governor's office may seem unusual, but not when considering Shapiro's position as what many see as a rising star in Democratic politics.

On Sept. 30, Shapiro visited New Hampshire, a state known for its importance in presidential primaries. He addressed the New Hampshire Democratic Party's annual convention, delivering the keynote address. During the address, Shapiro noted his major successes, including the reconstruction of I-95 in the summer.

His speech ended with a standing ovation.

Political pundits have watched Shapiro's rise through Pennsylvania's political scheme, as a state representative, county commissioner and attorney general. Now at the top political position in the state, he could be eyeing a national role—including a 2028 presidential bid. Seventeen presidents have held the position of governor first, and many state governors dip their toes into primaries. The last president who was previously a governor was Texan George W. Bush, who was a Republican.

The fallout from Vereb's resignation could be an indicator of just how many more standing ovations Shapiro will receive. As indicated by polling, the late budget did not seem to impact his popularity among the people of Pennsylvania.

Shapiro still has at least three more years to navigate as governor. Pennsylvania and the nation is watching.

Etown's graduate school continues to expand

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Throughout the course of this program, students will become experts in the concepts of data analysis and enterprise resource planning, and they will work with cutting-edge process improvement methodologies, such as Six Sigma.

These programs are already garnering interest from the Etown community. "We had our first student register for one of the graduate programs before we even marketed them,"McCarty said, "and another who registered for a graduate degree program knowing that the other graduate certificate would become available before that student would graduate."

The SGPS is committed to helping students maintain a work-life balance. Many people take courses while employed in full-time jobs and taking care of a family. The online course options will provide flexibility for adult learners and students will be able to take as few as one course per semester. Etown believes that time should not be a constraint for anyone who wants to earn a degree or certificate. There is even a step in/step out option for students who need a break from their education for any reason.

Etown's first graduate program was inaugurated in 2012. Now, over a decade later, more than 25 online programs and several hybrid programs have been developed to serve the needs of local students as well as the demands of the local community and workforce.

Into the Streets promotes community engagement

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Participating through a group can make the experience more tailored and enjoyable as one can work with like-minded individuals with similar goals and groups they want to serve. So, students who prefer to do work in a group should try to do so with the clubs they are involved in, like honors societies or with their group of friends.

Junior early childhood education major Julia Yudichak felt a similar way participating with "Into the Streets" for this year: "I am participating in 'Into the Streets' this year! This will be my third year participating. I love participating in 'Into the Streets' through EdOrg and Kappa Delta Pi because we facilitate and create crafts for the GEARS Fall Fest! I love interacting with the kids and enjoy giving back to the community!"

Students can still sign up until Oct. 13 at 11:59 p.m. through the CCCE's website and through the newsletter that they sent out. For those who have already signed up and want to be even more involved, then there is merchandise available that shows support for the initiative, that allows for even more volunteer placements in the future. Tables are outside the Brossman Student Commons (BSC) or there is a form online.

For those still questioning if they want to be involved at all, keep this in mind: getting out into the community is always a good way to not only to better oneself but to better the community they interact with. Getting in touch with the community can help people feel more at home on campus, make friends and have greater empathy for those in need.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared war against the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas after a surprise attack killed hundreds of Israelis.

The early morning assault on Saturday, Oct. 7, marks one of the largest escalations of conflict between Israel and Hamas in recent years. The terrorist group fired a barrage of rockets from Gaza and invaded nearby towns after using explosives to break through the Gaza border fence, according to the Associated Press (AP). Hamas gunned down and took civilians and Israeli soldiers hostage during their pursuits.

"We will win this war, but the price is too heavy to bear," Netanyahu wrote on X, formerly Twitter. "This is a very difficult day for all of us. Hamas wants to murder us all. It is an enemy who murders children and mothers in their homes, in their beds. An enemy who kidnaps the elderly, children, girls. Murderers who slap and slaughter our citizens, our children, who all in all went out to spend the holiday. What happened today is not seen in Israel–and I will make sure that it does not happen again. The entire government stands behind this decision."

The Israeli military reported that Hamas launched about 2,200 rockets into Israel. As a result, the country unleashed counterattacks.

Just on Saturday, about 200 people in the Gaza Strip were killed and over 1,600 injured, the Palestinian Health Ministry reported.

Airstrikes also escalated during the nighttime, leading to the destruction of multiple residential buildings in Gaza City. However, Israel fired a warning just before this retaliation, according to the AP. This prompted Hamas to launch rockets that hit four Israeli cities, including Tel Aviv. This retaliation cycle is likely to continue.

Following the initial attack by Hamas, world leaders reacted to the shocking news.

"The United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the Government and people of Israel," President Joe Biden said in a statement. "Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend itself and its people. The United States warns against any other party hostile to Israel seeking advantage in this situation. My Administration's support for Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering."

Biden's reaffirmed commitment to Israel brings into question how much the U.S. is willing to aid its ally's efforts, as his statement is merely symbolic.

Multiple GOP presidential hopefuls have, in part, blamed Iran for the attack on Israel, since Hamas is an Iranian-backed group. Republicans have also called out Biden for unfreezing $6 billion in Iranian assets only months before the Hamas attack. Public pressure may compel Biden to take an even stronger stance against Hamas and Iran amid the 2024 election.

On the day of the initial attack, Iranian state television aired clips of parliament members chanting, "Death to Israel," and "Palestine is victorious," according to Politico. This raises concern about the further escalation of conflict within the Middle East.

It is currently unknown how Iran will support Hamas' efforts, but it congratulated the terrorist group for its surprise attack.

With Netanyahu's vow to "take mighty vengeance for this black day" in a televised statement, it appears the conflict will continue.

Business Buzz

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Employment is the one constant that will permanently change within the business world. For decades, it was customary for you to work at the same company for the entirety of your career, and now,changing jobs at least three times has become familiar. Remote work is the go-to option for employees.

For the past few decades, humans have been the most globalized in the history of mankind. Our economies are intertwined and companies have different parts of their production in other countries. With our increasing ability to work for different companies now across the world due to the advancement of technology, we must ask ourselves as future employees: How globalized are we? How can we compete in today's workforce of such diversity?

Cristina Ciocirlan, Head of the International Business program and professor of management at Elizabethtown College, has many different viewpoints regarding our globalized workforce.

Ciocirlan believes that our world is exceptionally globalized despite disruptions that may have evolved through international policies and COVID-19, even if there is talk of localization over globalization. Europe is a prime example of this, since the top eight of the ten most globalized countries are European. Though there are threats to globalization, the movement of globalization, especially in employment, will increase.

With all this change, companies have needed more new employees and ideas, as older generations of retirement age make up 31 percent of our workforce. Generation Z is expected to become managers or heads of departments within the first three to five years of entering the workforce. Thus, companies have been working on strategies to attract good potential employees from Gen Z. Increasing benefits, salaries, chances of promotion, flexibility and even reaching out across the oceans to other potential employees.

She described how boundaries of traditional workforces are quickly falling and companies favor remote jobs, as 8 million American expats work abroad and one in seven Americans work for a multinational company. Digital nomads and contracted workers have become more prominent than regularly-employed employees in company life. According to Business Journals, the current ratio of contractors to employees is 63 percent, or one in five, since 2019, increasing 23 percent over the last two years. With this as the future of employment, we can expect a need to differentiate ourselves from others.

Ciocirlan described what she has learned from International Business Day, where her board members explained what they wanted from future employees and people who want to become the leaders of their businesses someday. Employers are mainly looking for people who want and wish to learn and admit that they don't know something. Teaching a graduate the required hard skills is more straightforward, but the person's internal aspects are more complex.

Emotional intelligence is a necessary requirement for potential leaders, especially in our current world. Ethics are the foundation of anyone you surround yourself with, and companies are considering this as they are looking for the most ethical candidates to ensure their business does right by their company's values.

Language and cultural understanding are a few skills that the company needs. The ability to interact with anyone from any point of view can show an employer humility and willingness to understand, growth as a person and the ability to find a different perspective on any problem. She suggests putting a failure section on your resume to provide evidence of how you could grow if you failed at something, proving your authenticity and the ability to deal with things from a different perspective.

As the world becomes more intertwined, we must realize that we must identify what makes us unique and incorporate that into our skill sets. Currently, we are entering into a fantastic time in the market as prior generations leave their jobs. This does not give us a reason not to grow our skillset and the ability to stay in the game. For every one of us, it is possible to become a future CEO, but we must realize what we must do to stay competitive today.

Etown takes new approach to class gifts

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Students that donate $20.24 or more will receive a medallion that they can wear at graduation to show their support for the College.

Elizabethtown College's Office of Institutional Advancement announced that this year's class gift will be different from past years. While in the past, the College had asked students from the graduating class to pick a class gift and issue donations specifically for that gift, this year's approach allows the student to pick a department on campus that they would most like to donate to.

Assistant Director of Annual Giving Blake Reed shared the change with the student body by emailing the graduating class. The email provided information about how students would be able to donate to this year's class gift and shared the prizes that the students who donate may get.

"The decision to change the class gift was made to ensure that all students could feel good about leaving an impact at Etown," Reed said. "Knowing that our student body has diverse backgrounds, skills and passions, we wanted students to have the opportunity to reflect that in their contributions."

This is a historical change, making the Class of 2024 the first class to donate not a specific gift but to the area of campus that they love. A link was provided in the email that allowed students to go to the page where they can set up a one-time or recurring donation. Students are able to choose from four designations: Athletics, ECF Area of Greatest Need, Scholarships and Financial Aid or any other part of campus or athletics team on campus. Students are also able to combine multiple designations. For example, one would be able to donate both to Athletics and ECF Area of Greatest Need through the same payment.

"Students are encouraged to make a gift to whatever area of the College they are most passionate about, whether that is an athletic team, an academic department, or another area that they feel strongly about," Reed stated. "This shift in focus reflects the direction that most other colleges are taking as well. The decision to move away from funding a physical object is not to say that there will be no on-campus component to the gift. There will be a plaque placed on campus to commemorate the Class of 2024 and the contributions they made to the campus throughout their time here, with a location that will be decided at a later time."

There are incentives for students to donate. Students who donate $15 will receive a commemorative Class of 2024 mug and will be entered into a drawing for an Etown diploma frame, which is valued at $160. If a student donates $20.24 or more, they will also receive a medallion that they can wear at graduation.

Students who choose to set up a recurring monthly gift of at least $1 are able to receive all of the incentives mentioned. Recurring payments would need to be made online using credit or debit card, but students who received the email can use the link to make a gift using Paypal, Venmo, Apple Pay and student charge.

This change comes after last year's Class of 2023 gift was updated from being a ramp on the Dell to an ongoing endowment aimed to expand accessibility on campus. Student Senate's Class of 2023 announced the change roughly a month before graduation in an Instagram post.

The endowment, which is a deposit of money that will grow with interest, had a few goals in mind. These goals included ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accessible dorm buildings and accessible bathrooms. Royer's renovations, which were announced earlier this academic year, included an ADA accessible lift in the lobby that allowed students to go to the first floor without having to go around the building. The renovations also included ADA-compliant dorm rooms, restrooms and laundry rooms as well as doorways being widened for wheelchair accessibility. It is unclear whether these renovations used the funds allocated by the Class of 2023's endowment.

"Our class gift was originally chosen to create a more ADA-friendly campus," the post said, "and we the students have taken this initiative very seriously. This endowment is guaranteed to be used to these ends and so we are satisfied with this expansion upon our original gift."

While some students value the freedom that this new change provides in choosing what area to donate to, many may find themselves unsure about donating because there is no concrete gift that they are donating to. The Office of Institutional Advancement and Student Assembly are expected to monitor how students react to these new changes to ensure that graduating classes leave a lasting legacy.

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Students who donate $15 will receive a commemorative Class of 2024 mug.

High Library holds exhibition for LGBTQ+ History Month

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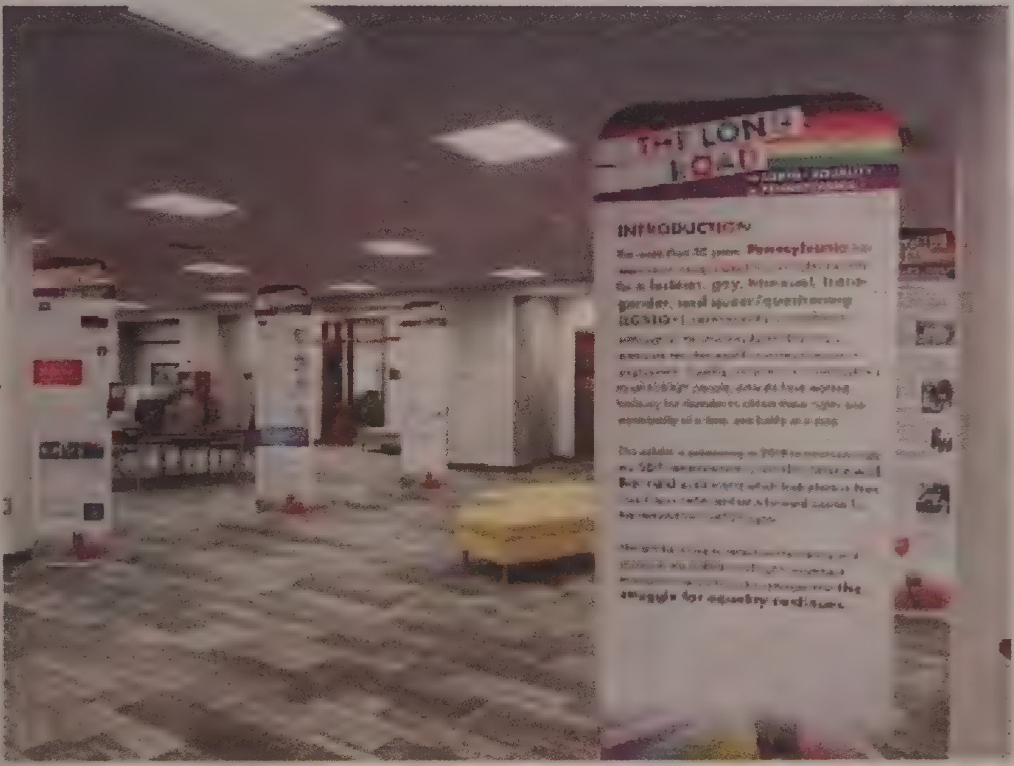
The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in PA is a month-long display located slightly off to the side on the main floor of the Elizabethtown College's High Library. The display includes six double-sided panels, approximately seven and a half feet tall and three feet wide, grouped in two sets of three standing parallel to one another with a place for sitting in the middle to read the panels. Two small battery-powered video screens are mounted on two of the panels, which play visual and audio stories from multiple different LGBTQ+ activists when the play button is clicked. The panels have historical facts, pictures with captions, QR code scans, quotes and background information, all working cohesively to tell the story of the activists' fight for LGBTQ+ equality in Pa. The text on the slides is spaced out and large enough for the audience to conveniently read the panels from the provided seating.

Each of the six panels have history written on them depicting the struggles different counties in Pennsylvania faced on the road to equality. Counties like York, Allentown, Philadelphia, Montgomery, Lancaster and Dauphin have their histories pertaining to the people and events in each of those counties that impacted the road to civil rights equality in the state of Pa. over the course of the last five decades. By using specific case studies depicted in these counties, the political and personal struggles of the LGBTQ+ community is better emphasized. The display is easy to read and follow along too. It could take as little as 20 minutes to read the entire display and become more knowledgeable on Pennsylvania's LGBTQ+ history.

Etown's Head Outreach Librarian Joshua Cohen reached out to the LGBT Center of Central PA in Harrisburg to have the traveling display brought to the High Library in celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month. The display will be available to see the entire month of October in lieu of the celebration. There have been multiple exhibits about LGBTQ+ history, hosted by the College, from this center the past consecutive years. The consistent presence of these presentations by the High Library seeks to, in Cohen's words, "provide a safe community space where we promote the values of diversity, equity, and belonging on campus, and this exhibit and panel discussion is part of that mission." Cohen has subsequently organized a panel discussion on "Reflections on LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania," on Oct. 18 in the High Library's Winters Alcove, in conjunction with the travel exhibit. More details about the LGBT Center of Central PA can be found at https://centralpalgbtcenter.org/.

The display itself is curated and organized by Barry Loveland, who is a part of the LGBT Center of Central PA. The traveling exhibit is co-sponsored by the PA LGBT History Network. The goal of these travel exhibits by the LGBT Center of Central PA is to engage interest in discovering Pennsylvania's LGBTQ+ history, historic sites, archival collections and stimulate conversation about current LGBTQ+ equality related topics. The chronicles of effort portrayed throughout the years by activists for civil rights equality regarding the LGBTQ+ community is a powerful sentiment which is established potently in this display. The vivid colors portrayed throughout the displays, through headings, images and titles mimic the colors and flags associated with the LGBTQ+ community to engage and capture the audience's attention.

In addition, the displays are made to easily be constructed and taken down, within the span of an hour, to make the display as accessible and enticing to public entities as possible. The travel display was carefully created by these organizations to inspire while informing. Whether you have a quick five-minute break in between classes or have an entire day free, this travel display of LGBTQ+ history in Pennsylvania is certainly worth taking a look at!



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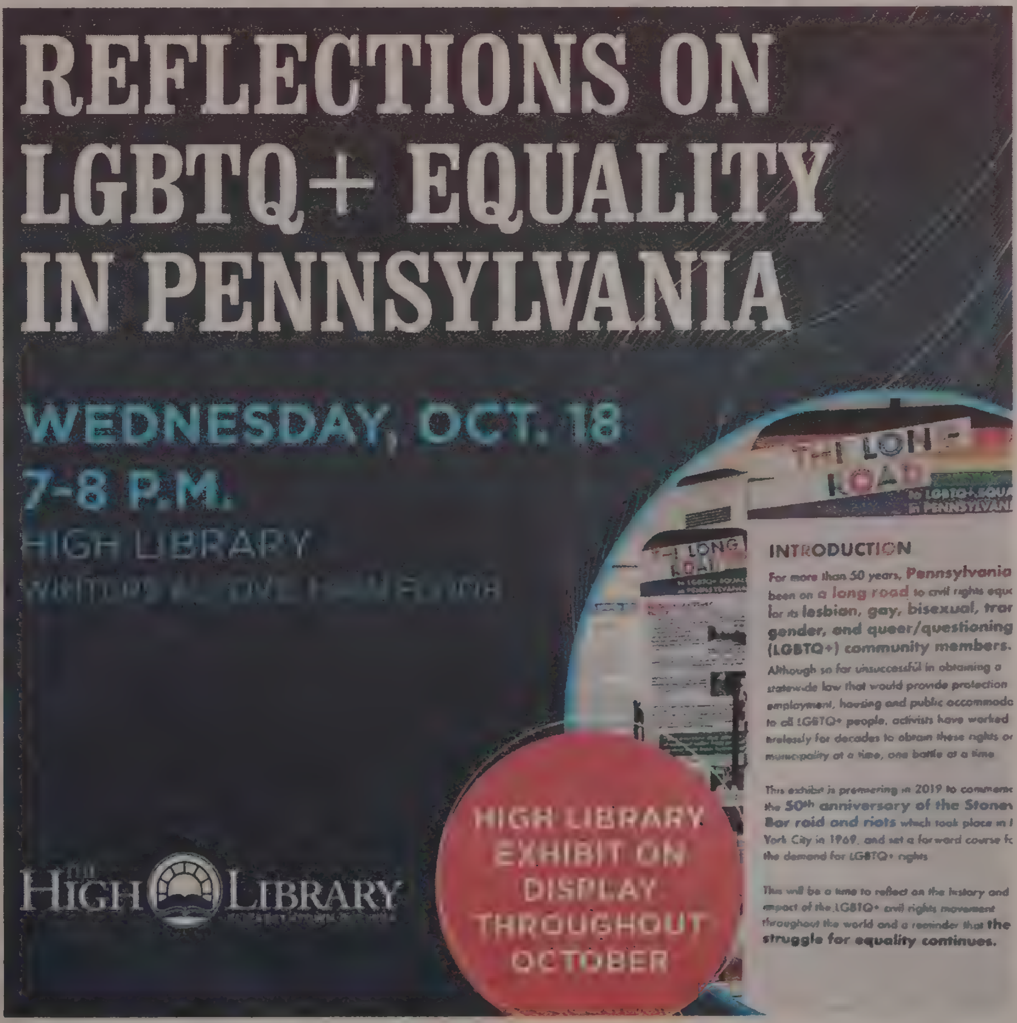
The High Library has a display commemorating LGBTQ+ History Month where students can stop by the main floor and learn more about Queer history in Pennsylvania.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Elizabethtown College has always found a way to help its students succeed by providing resources that will assist them in their academic struggles. The Learning Zone is located at the Baugher Student Center 226-239 and it is where you can find those resources.

The Learning Zone's mission statement reads, "our mission is to assist students to achieve their academic goals, in an open and safe environment while demonstrating integrity, respect, confidentiality, and professionalism. The Learning Zone fosters a student-centered learning environment and provides academic and writing tutor support." Many students need help understanding assignments or class courses in general; the Learning Zone gives the opportunity to students who have already taken the class and passed with a grade of B and higher to tutor their peers. A student waiting for their tutor in the Learning Zone said, "I have been coming to tutoring sessions bi-weekly and it has helped me a lot because my tutor has taken the same class as a student, so they explain things in a much simpler way."

Many other students also feel the same way about how the tutoring sessions help them improve in their classes.

Scheduling a session is done through the Learning Zone app or through a QR code that has been established at the beginning of this semester. Group tutoring sessions are also provided when the student does not wish to have a one-on-one with the tutor. Those sessions are drop-in tutoring—meaning that there is no need for any scheduling; you only have to stop by and ask for assistance with understanding homework, getting an explanation for what is troubling you or taking notes from the questions other peers ask. It is important to note that tutors do not provide answers for homework.

Over 200 peer tutors have signed up to assist with over 100 courses.

LEARNING ZONE
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The Learning Zone offers students the chance to receive drop-in tutoring, help with their papers at the Writting Wing and peer-to-peer tutoring for various classes.

Tutors are students who have been recommended by their teachers and who want to continue their education of the material. If you are in need of help in a writing assignment, calculus, chemistry, statistics and many more courses, there is a high chance that the Learning Zone could guide you in the right direction to provide you with the right resources to help you. Sessions are not only held in the Learning Zone but also in the High Library, Nicarry or through Zoom depending on the tutees' preference.

Time management is something that we all struggle with when school is in session. When assignments are building up, work becomes overwhelming and exams are approaching, it is hard to find a good balance. Last year, former Assistant Director of the Learning Zone Tammie Longsderff oversaw assisting students to maintain that work-life balance. Now that she has retired, many feel lost about whom they must contact to help them regain this balance. To reassure them, they can still request this assistance by contacting the Learning Zone.

The staff is always eager to assist students with whatever academic problems they have and find a solution to those problems. The environment as soon as you enter the Learning Zone is calm and very peaceful. The welcoming smiles just make you feel at ease.

The Learning Zone is open Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm, Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from 3 pm to 9 pm. If you are confident in your skills and would like to apply to be a tutor, you could contact your professors for them to recommend you provide sessions.

For more information about the Learning Zone please visit their website https://etown.edu/offices/learning/ or send an email to learningzone@etown.edu

Scan this QR code to go to the Learning Zone's website.

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The Learning Zone holds a number of places to work on projects with classmates, do homework and assignments, take quizzes and exams and receive tutoring.

Horoscopes

Which one of Etown's clubs are you based on your zodiac sign

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Welcome back to a special Elizabethtown College edition of the Horoscopes! This week, you'll be finding out what club on campus you are based on your zodiac. Be sure to use your sun, moon and rising sign for the best accuracy. If you have some free time, check out your clubs at the Homecoming fair this Saturday, Oct. 14!

Aries-It's no secret that you have a competitive spirit, Aries, and so, the perfect club to release this energy in a non-hostile way is the Spikeball Club. It's the best way to relieve stress after a long day of overloading your schedule!

Taurus- For the earth sign like you, Taurus, who loves chilling out in nature, your club is the SEEDS Ecology Club. There, you can learn more about the ecology of the Etown campus and how you can help promote green living!

Gemini- Lucky Gemini, the club for you is The Etownian! You're a social butterfly involved in nearly everything, which is perfect for the budding journalist! The Etownian could definitely use your skills! If interested, email editor@etown.edu!

Cancer-There isn't a sign that is more nurturing than you, lovely Cancer, so your club is Nifty Needlework! You can hang out with some fun people while also crafting! What project from your Pinterest board is up next?

Leo-You're a natural leader, Leo, and you also have a huge sense of compassion. Satisfy both of these traits with Elizabethtown Circle K. Get out there, help your community and make the best memories while doing it!

Virgo- The club that best fits the Virgos is the History Club. You love organization as well as learning, so the History Club is the perfect combination. What could be more exciting than combining history and fun activities like trivia?

Libra-Libras are all about harmony, so your club is the Etown Kindness Project. Spread some much needed positivity on Etown's campus by attending their meetings and learning how you can brighten someone's day!

Scorpio- The club perfect for the mysterious Scorpio is the Hide and Seek Club. You get to participate in a fun activity that you probably haven't played since childhood, and your interactions with others are limited! What could be better than that?

Sagittarius- For the passionate Sagittarius, the club for you is E-motion, Etown's dance team for people of all skill sets. You're a curious person, always willing to try new things, and so whether you're an experienced dancer or have never danced a day in your life, try out E-motion!

Capricorn- Out of all the signs, Capricorns are by far the most disciplined which means your ideal club is the Elizabethtown Running Club. Good for you for having the motivation to get out there and run while the rest of us sit at home in front of the air.

Aquarius- The club for you, Aquarius, is the Radio Club. You love to talk and share your ideas, so join the Radio Club. You'll get to share your great music taste to the community!

Pisces- The best club for your sensitive nature, dear Pisces, is Fine Print Literary Magazine. Get your emotions out, whether through words, art or photography. Plus, it'll look great on your resume!

Photo courtesy of The Etownian's Instagram

Calling all Geminis! The Etownian would love to work with you!

Club Feature

Consider stopping by the Photography Club's table at Homecoming to learn about upcoming field trips and events

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Whether you're an experienced photographer or are just starting out, you should consider joining Elizabethtown College's Photography Club! The Photography Club meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Steinman Center 211 and welcomes anyone to show up to a meeting if they are interested in joining. As a smaller club, the members are very close since they all share a love for photography. As stated, the club accepts members of any skill level and encourages members to help each other develop their skills.

Meetings start with attendance and announcements before revealing that week's photo challenge. There is no winning these challenges—they just work to give photo club members a direction to work in as they walk around campus and take pictures. After taking their pictures, members return to Steinman Center to upload the photos to a Google Drive for the group to explain their thought processes, see where their inspiration comes from and have other members comment on them.

"It's a cool way for all of us to see each other's photos and to look at the different perspectives that are captured," Vice President and junior student Paige Henson said.

As the Vice President, Henson assists the photo club's president, junior Grace Ceschan, with tasks including creating presentations for meetings, sending out reminders and coming up with the challenges. Cabinet members also discuss the best way to show examples or explain the prompt for members prior to the meeting.

When photos are posted on the club's Instagram, they often tag the photographer and include a quote about the inspiration behind the photo, how it was taken or any challenges the photographer overcame in order to get that perfect shot. Photos included on the page are not only of locations on campus, but places in the surrounding Lancaster County that fit that week's challenge. If you find yourself on their page, you can find several fall related photos ranging from an autumn leaf to an autumn forest.

"Sometimes we will create a Google form with photos and whoever's photo gets the most votes, we post it on our Instagram! We are working on coming up with new ways to be interactive and create these winners," Henson said.

Their Instagram is also used to remind members of meeting times and upcoming events. Unfortunately, due to the interference of weather, the photo club has not had any recent events, but they will begin fundraising soon in order to fund field trips for members. The photo club will also be selling some pictures that are taken by members at the Homecoming table. They have two upcoming field trips to Stoltzfus Pumpkins in Manheim, Pa. and to a local alpaca farm, which will allow the club to participate in challenges off campus.

"From when I first started the club, I really loved the photo challenges because it is broad enough you can have your own interpretation and seeing everyone else's photo is really fun as well. That is something that has stuck in this club and everyone seems to enjoy it as well," Henson said.

Cabinet members are considering finding ways for members to take photos for events happening around campus along with the Civic Engagement Club.

If you are interested in joining, the club can be reached at their email, photoclub@etown.edu or their Instagram, photoclubetown. Instagram, photoclubetown.

Photo courtesy of Billy Valdez

Photography Club members Billy Valdez, Grace Canally, Chole Cádiz, Katherine Balzano, Aileigh Mulligan and Raegan Imler during a challenge.

Students of Etown

Learn about aspiring English professor Brooklyn Torquado

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Meet this week's Student of Elizabethtown College: Brooklyn Torquado! Torquado is a first-year English Literature major. She is a part of many different clubs on campus, including Fine Print magazine, Outing Club, writing for The Etownian and Running Club. She also holds an on-campus job as a Student Outreach Ambassador.

Even with all of these activities and a job going on, Torquado still finds the time to study and get her work done. She has mentioned that her favorite spot on campus is the library, specifically the fourth floor where she can sit and look out the windows at campus. Apart from that, her favorite place to sit and work for her on-campus job is the conference room in the Myer Residence Hall lobby.

Along with her work, there is still time for fun. As mentioned before, Torquado enjoys running and has joined the Running Club on campus. She finds it calming. Torquado also likes seeing her improvement with running, as she "like[s] to see how far [she] can run before needing a break. It's challenging."

Torquado's love for the outdoors stretches further than Running Club. She is also a part of the Outing Club and has gone to the two hikes that they've held so far this year. She enjoys hiking because she "love[s] the views and new experiences." She plans to continue to go on as many hikes as she can, if not every single one.

When it came down to deciding where she would go to college, Torquado said that she "love[s] Harrisburg" which is only thirty minutes from campus! Also, "[her] cousin lives close by, so [she] applied to colleges in the area, and Etown was the best." The proximity to her family wasn't the only factor. Torquado mentioned that the "friendliness of the people" was one of the main reasons that she decided to commit to Etown.

As for her major, Torquado has always been a reader and a writer. It was her peers that pushed her to go with English as her major. She has said that she really enjoys learning and "wants to be in school for the rest of [her] life." Her plan is to go from an English undergraduate degree until she becomes Dr. Torquado of English, of course. After accomplishing this, she wants to teach English as a professor. She has mentioned that it is perfect for her because she can still learn, be in school and write in her free time.

Torquado so far loves the environment here at Etown and cannot wait to see what the next four years and beyond have to hold for her.

Photo courtesy of Brooklyn Torquado

Torquado enjoys being a part of clubs like Fine Print, the Outing Club, and the Running Club!

Elizabethtown College History Fact

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The Hackman Apartments are named after Vera Hackman, who graduated Etown in 1925 before becoming a teacher. In 1944, she returned to Etown as a History professor and the college's first female Dean. She was also the advisor for many organizations on campus.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on the Vera Hackman Apartments by Jennifer Lloyd.

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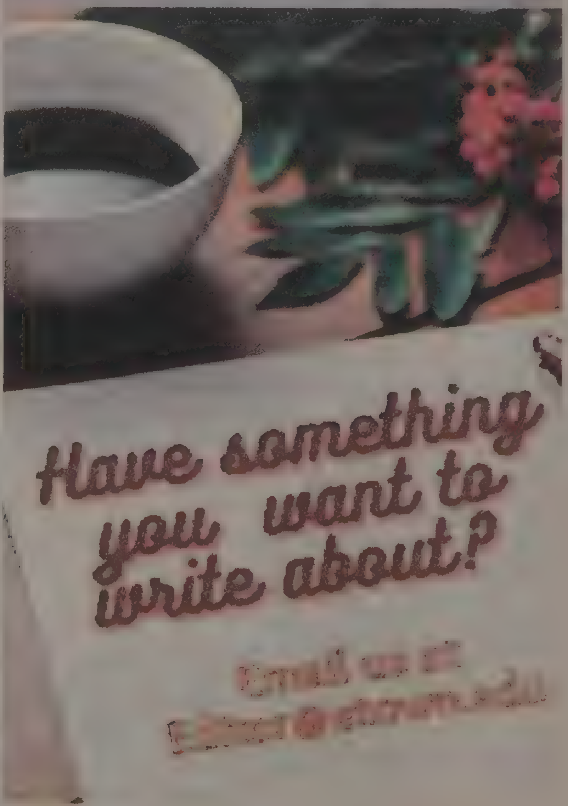
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Internship Spotlight

Learn about first-year Ava Gate's experience being a member of Elizabethtown's Bonner Leadership Program

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At Elizabethtown College, students have the opportunity to join various extracurriculars, most centering around academics or athletics. These opportunities are advertised through club fairs, high school visits and college tours. What some may not know, however, is that a select few students from each graduating class are members of the Bonner Leadership Program.

Being a small program, the Bonner Program teaches its students leadership qualities through group activities. First-year Bonner student Ava Gates values being a member of this program. "We're a small, close-knit group of people," Gates said. "We do a lot of activities together."

In addition to participating in group activities, every Bonner student has their own respective internship. Working at the Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition, Gates is faced with new experiences every shift. "It challenges me to have initiative," Gates explained. "Because it's a laid-back environment, I sometimes don't have the motivation that I should. In order to help out at work, I need to make sure I'm getting things done."

Time management is important for all students, but it's not always easy to stay on top of work. Working in Lancaster, Gates faces the additional challenge of allotting enough time to drive there and back. "Because it's 30 minutes away, I need to make sure I'm getting to my car on time," Gates said.

A good, welcoming work environment is crucial in order for everyone to succeed. Because her internship is centered around helping members of the LGBTQ+ community, the company values having an inclusive environment in the workplace. "I like it because I am a part of the LGBTQ+ community, so I figured it would be a good place to work," Gates said. "I knew I would feel welcome there."

All Bonner-affiliated internships strive to promote keen community engagement. Rather than being a graduation requirement for all students as it is in high school, Bonner students choose to engage in the community service that comes with their program. While it is a requirement for the program, Bonner students are actively interested in helping their community. "It's different from high school where community service is required because people don't always want to do it," Gates stated. "I'm surrounded by people who want to do community service. While the scholarship is a factor, people are happier about helping."

Although each Bonner internship provides its own path of learning, they all value serving one's community. "It taught me that more people are willing to help than you think," Gates said. "We all want to do good for the sake of it."

In order to promote these values, Gates, among other Bonner students, is actively learning how to become a better leader through her internship. "I learned how to question things I don't understand," Gates said. "They're a nonprofit organization, so what they do is all over the place. We just got introduced to a new project and there was a lot of confusion surrounding that, so we had a meeting about it."

By challenging students to lead and serve their community, the Bonner-affiliated internships create an opportunity for willing engagement, which will ultimately strengthen the greater community.

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Gates enjoys a laid-back environment at her internship at the Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition, and learns how to best serve her community.

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Media Review

Get invested in Clive Barker's soul-gripping horror novella

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For the beginning of October, it is only fitting to talk about one of the most iconic genres in media: horror. This review discusses "The Hellbound Heart," a horror novella written by Clive Barker and published in 1986. This novella is a short and interesting read as it is the inspiration for the "Hellraiser" movie; however, it does have graphic content and may not be suitable for all audiences depending on your comfort level regarding violence and other mature and uncomfortable subject matters. If you decide to read this novella, it is only 186 pages long and around $12, or if you decide to get it in an audiobook format, it is approximately 3 hours long and $7 for the version that is narrated by the author himself. I purchased the audiobook format of this novella and the visualization that Clive Barker can produce through not only his writing but his narration of this writing is amazing.

In "the Hellbound Heart," you are first introduced to the character Frank who has procured the Lemarchand Configuration, a mystic puzzle box that when unlocked can be used to summon the Cenobites, which are beings that allegedly can bring about extreme ecstasy. However, when Frank unlocks the puzzle box, he soon finds that the Cenobites are not what he expected and needs help to escape their hold on his soul. We then are introduced to the character Julia, the sister-in-law of Frank, who goes to check up on him only to find that he is missing. Julia decides that she will look for him and hears his voice from the corner, turning only to see a semi-human mass. In this interaction, Frank asks Julia to help him acquire blood so that he can be whole, and she quickly agrees, bringing people to the house to kill in an effort to restore Frank to his original state. Eventually, one of the victims escapes with the box and ends up in the hospital. As this person now has the box, the Cenobites show up and demand that they either get Frank's soul or the new victim's soul, which spurs this new person to fight for her life.

I believe that this is a novella worth reading for any horror fan. "The Hellbound Heart" surpasses the stereotypes of the '80s horror genre and is disturbing with the mental images of body horror and the traumas that the characters have experienced, leaving the reader with a prolonged sense of dread and contemplation upon finishing this short read.

Clive Barker's
THE
HELLBOUND
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Photo courtesy of Lux Hileman

Clive Barker's thrilling novella is not for the faint of heart! If you enjoy descriptive writing and dynamic characters, this could be a great read for you.

Recipe Review

Try this fun fall treat: Microwave Cinnamon Apples

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Welcome back, readers! The fall season is in full swing and the weather is finally starting to cool off for the year. I, for one, am excited to be able to wear my comfy sweatshirts and flannels and look outside to see the beautiful autumn colors. It's a perfect opportunity to cozy up with some warm, feel-good foods like these microwave cinnamon apples!

To start, prepare your ingredients. You'll need a fairly large green apple, ground cinnamon, butter, white sugar and any toppings you want to add. I sprinkled some granola on top of mine, but whipped cream, vanilla ice cream or anything else that could add a bit of extra sweetness are great ideas. Most of these can be found in the Marketplace, making this a campus-friendly recipe!

I recommend peeling the apple before cutting it, since the skin doesn't get completely soft in the microwave. If that doesn't bother you, skip straight to the next step by cutting the apple into bite-sized pieces. Place them into a microwave safe bowl. The apple pieces cook down, so don't worry if the bowl seems a bit too full.

Next, cut two tablespoons of butter into small pieces and spread them relatively evenly over the apples. Add about a tablespoon of cinnamon and a teaspoon of sugar. The amount of cinnamon and sugar can be adjusted based on your taste and the size of the apple used.

If you would prefer the apples to retain some firmness, set the microwave to about two minutes. If you want them a bit softer, set it closer to three minutes. Once it's done cooking, stir the apples until they are evenly coated with the melted cinnamon and sugar mixture. Let the apples cool for a minute, since they're hot right out of the microwave. Then add any desired toppings and enjoy!

My mom makes incredible apple pies, but since I've been living on campus, I haven't been able to enjoy her treats as often. We tried this recipe together over fall break and both thought it had just the right amount of seasonal flair. The taste and consistency is just like the filling of an apple pie and it's a suitable alternative when away from home. Topping it with granola gave the dessert the nice crunch that it was missing without the crust an actual apple pie would have.

This simple recipe is a great way to remember the comforting taste of a homemade pie to help you power through the second half of the semester. Give it a try or make some for a friend!

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Try experimenting with different toppings for this dessert, such as ice cream and whipped cream.

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Blue Jays set personal records at Dickinson Pre-Nationals Meet

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The Elizabethtown College cross country teams had the penultimate meet of their seasons on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. The men's and women's teams traveled to Newville, Pa. for the Dickinson Pre-Nationals Meet. The men's team put up 699 total points by the end of the day, good for 23rd place out of the 38 competitors in their event, and the women's finished with 707 points, which was good for 25th place of the 38 competing teams.

For the men's team, it was graduate student Matt Fick who would lead the way for the Blue Jays. In the 8,000-meter race, his strong time of 26 minutes and 25.6 seconds was good enough for 104th place on the final leaderboard. Senior Brandon Baxter was the second-highest placing Blue Jay on Saturday, and he came very close to breaking the 27-minute mark. He placed 163rd with a time of 27 minutes and 0.2 seconds.

The three other Blue Jays to set a time in this one were junior Daniel Myers, first-year Derek Kendig and junior Nolan Pettit. Myers notched a 170th place finish with a time of 27 minutes and 8.6 seconds, Kendig came in at 27 minutes and 17.8 seconds, good for 182nd and Pettit finished 209th at 27 minutes and 32.6 seconds.

The men's team will travel to Annville, Pa. for the Lebanon Valley College (LVC) Last Chance meet on Friday, Oct. 20 at 5:15 p.m. This will be the last regular season meet before the Landmark Conference Cross Country Championships.

The women's team had a couple of impressive finishes on Saturday in their 6,000-meter event and senior Kelty Oaster headlined the group with a top-20 placing on the final leaderboard. Oaster continued to perform well and set a personal record that day, as she earned a 19th place finish with a blazing time of 22 minutes and 32.5 seconds. Junior Amanda Kauffman also placed inside the top 150, finishing 142nd. Her 24 minute and 12 second time was the second-best time for the Blue Jays.

Three other Blue Jays placed in this event, and one recorded a personal best. Sophomore Isabell Anderson was 228th, timing at 25 minutes and 27.2 seconds. Graduate student Bridget Kennedy and junior Isabelle Smith placed 231st and 244th respectively. Kennedy crossed the line in 25 minutes and 32.2 seconds, and Smith completed her race in 25 minutes and 46.2 seconds.

The women's team will also make their way to Annville, Pa. on Friday, Oct. 20 for the LVC Last Chance meet at 4:30 p.m. This will be the team's last chance to prove themselves this regular season, as the Landmark Conference Cross Country Championships are fast approaching. Good luck to all members of the Etown cross country teams as they will look to wrap up their seasons strong.

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko on Elizabethtown College Athletics

Senior Kelty Oaster sets new personal best with a time of 22 minutes and 32.5 seconds.

Video Game Review: Ember Knights

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After a long, early-access development period, Ember Knights launched into the gaming scene. Intriguingly enough, the developers opted to make Ember Knights rogue-like despite the over-saturation of the genre seen in recent years. Expecting people to invest their time and money in a game that retreads into previously explored territory can become an enormous ask since the genre already features masterpieces like Hades. While Ember Knights does not boast the ludicrous number of events to experience that Hades does, it provides gameplay better than games like it, alongside fantastic graphics and multiplayer gameplay.

Rogue-likes typically opt for fast-paced gameplay, but Ember Knights increases the ferocity and pace. Rooms typically drown with foes that can quickly overwhelm if one fails to control the situation, and everything happens surprisingly quick. These intense encounters keep combat fresh and exciting over several gameplay sessions, as one needs to act fast and hone their reflexes to survive most encounters.

Enemy encounters also revolve around rewarding the player for masterful gameplay. During a run, one will encounter skills with cooldowns, but they only recharge when the player strikes enough enemies. Additionally, skills and certain weapons feature charge attacks that produce helpful effects when held long enough. These two elements make combat satisfying as the player gets rewarded for skillful gameplay instead of skill-oriented gameplay.

One can also utilize a dodge roll that provides an edge against the unrelenting swarm of foes due to how it interacts with the level design. Not only does this dodge roll allow one to escape via rolling through attacks, but it also lets them leap over gaps in the terrain. These mechanics give the player control over the flow of combat as they can use the environment to gain the respite needed to assess the situation.

Ember Knights also features several weapons with unique twists to combat. The vastly different fighting styles encourage experimentation and build upon the fast-paced, aggressive gameplay by providing unique offensive options like charged attacks, high damage yields and ranged attacks. The slow rate of unlocking these weapons also encourages these mechanics by giving the player the time to appreciate every tool of destruction.

The gameplay elements become further accentuated with the addition of multiplayer, albeit at the cost of difficulty balancing. The gameplay does not change much between single-player and multiplayer, which causes the difficulty to shift drastically since solo runs deal with an overwhelming number of foes from room to room in the late game and multiplayer runs deal with effortlessly dispatched opposition in early game locales. However, this minor detail does not detract from the overall enjoyment that either a group of friends or a solo player would receive from this game!

Unfortunately, the unlockable upgrades feel disappointingly railroaded. Obtaining more ember—a resource used to receive new abilities—throughout a playthrough only lets the player unlock new weapons in a set order, and abilities/stat increases can only be received when the player obtains enough prior upgrades. The game administers some leniency with the option to swap abilities with other abilities, but it leaves one wishing for more freedom to develop up their character as they desire.

The minor disappointment felt from the streamlined unlockables thankfully becomes assuaged due to Ember Knight's impressive graphical fidelity. The game runs at a surprisingly smooth framerate, especially considering the number of enemies and projectiles on screen at any given moment, and the rich quality of the graphics causes the game to feel like the pixel art equivalent of modern games with high graphical fidelity like Final Fantasy XVI.

All in all, I give Ember Knights a 9/10, and highly recommend it!

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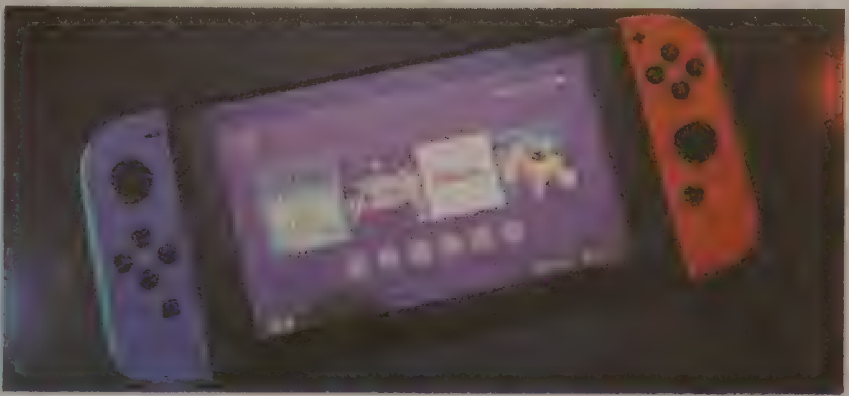
Xbox and PlayStation users hope to see Ember Knights come to their platform.



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Ember Knights is available to play on the Nintendo Switch and PC.

Etown men's soccer drops conference clash to Susquehanna

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On Saturday, Oct.. 7, the Elizabethtown College Blue Jays played against Susquehanna University in a game over fall break. Our Etown men's soccer team held strong until this game that ended their undefeated streak at the Landmark Conference with a score of 4-0 loss against Susquehanna's team.

In Selinsgrove, Pa., the Etown men's soccer team took on Susquehanna on the field. During the first half of the game, Susquehanna scored three times on only five first half shots. In the first seven minutes, Susquehanna scored one goal with another one following in the next minute. Our Blue Jays knew that this would be a tough game within the first ten minutes. Susquehanna managed to score another goal in the 15th minute of the game. This put the score to 3-0 by the end of the first half. Although junior midfielder Pedro Guizardi and sophomore forward Pedro Vinent took two shots at Susquehanna, but their goalkeeper made the saves.

Susquehanna did not let up in the second half with a goal in the first four minutes, putting the score at 4-0 until the conclusion of the game. Although multiple shots were attempted by Etown throughout the game, they could not score a goal on Susquehanna. The men's soccer team has hopes of winning their next game after this game in the Landmark Conference.

During an interview with one of the players, junior goalkeeper Dom Santaniello, he said, "Today was a rough one, unfortunately we lost 4-0. One thing that one of our captains, Luka Letsoala says throughout the season is 'I'll run for you, and you run for me.'"

Santaniello went on to say that this saying really helps to reassure him that everyone has each other's backs even if they are having a tough game– this is what pushes him to continue giving it his all. Santaniello said, "If my teammate makes a mistake, I'll work extra hard for them to fix their mistake knowing that in the future they will do the same thing for me."

Knowing this enables the team to strive to help each other wherever they can, creating a positive dynamic that is seen in all their games. With this in mind, they will all work extra hard to win their next game.

Even though Etown's men's soccer team had a 4-0 loss to Susquehanna, their spirits were high the entire time. They pushed through this game and left with the determination to win the next one on the night of Oct. 10 against Catholic University.

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko on Elizabethtown College Athletics

Junior midfielder Cade Brubaker surveys the defense in search of an opening.

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The Blue Jays will hope to bounce back in their upcoming homestand.

NBA Offseason: Damian Lillard dealt in blockbuster deal

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The biggest domino of the National Basketball Association (NBA) offseason fell on Wednesday, Sept. 27 when the Portland Trail Blazers dealt superstar point guard Damian Lillard to the Milwaukee Bucks. It was a three-team deal that also included the Phoenix Suns.

In the three-team deal, the Bucks got Lillard, and the Trail Blazers received veteran guard Jrue Holiday, center Deandre Ayton, rookie small forward Toumani Camara, swap rights to Milwaukee's 2028 and 2030 first-round picks as well as their unprotected 2029 first-rounder. The Suns jumped into this deal, netting a package of starting center Jusuf Nurkic, knockdown three-point shooter guard Grayson Allen and a couple of younger bench pieces in guard Keon Johnson and forward Nassir Little.

However, Portland was not done there, as they would send Holiday to the Boston Celtics in a corresponding move on Sunday, Oct. 1. On top of the package they received for Lillard, Portland added combo guard Malcolm Brogdon, defensive-minded center Robert Williams III, a 2024 unprotected first-round pick via the Golden State Warriors and Boston's 2029 unprotected first-round pick.

With these deals, the Trail Blazers officially kick off their rebuild. A trio of young players in rookie point guard Scoot Henderson, athletic forward Shaedon Sharpe and bona fide scoring threat guard Anfernee Simons look to lead this team into the future. Adding Ayton and Williams should give this team some balance as they build a stronger frontcourt. Throw in veteran power forward Jerami Grant and there's some good depth on this roster. If the young guys develop well throughout this season, the Trail Blazers could be in store for a very exciting 2023-24 season.

In the deal, the future draft picks received are also intriguing. While only one of the picks received is for this upcoming draft—Golden State's 2024 first-rounder—Portland's management did a good job focusing on the future far down the road. Picks coming from Boston and Milwaukee likely won't be high picks in the next two to three years; however, picks for the 2028 and 2029 seasons have the chance to be high picks, as no one knows how competitive those teams will be that far into the future.

It worked out for Boston way back in 2013 when they traded a package that included star forwards Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to the Brooklyn Nets for a multitude of draft picks. A haul that included draft picks deep into the future like Brooklyn's 2016 and 2017 top selections allowed Boston to draft franchise cornerstones guard Jaylen Brown and forward Jayson Tatum. In this deal, Portland hopes to strike the same type of luck, looking to build a future dynasty.

Portland's future is certainly strong, and we'll see how they attack the rest of the offseason as the NBA's preseason kicks off, but more moves could be on the horizon. NBA fans and media members aren't sure how likely it is that the 30-year-old Brogdon will remain on the roster as the team shifts towards a rebuild. Even names like Grant have popped up in rumors as of late. We'll have to wait and see what's next for the Trail Blazers.

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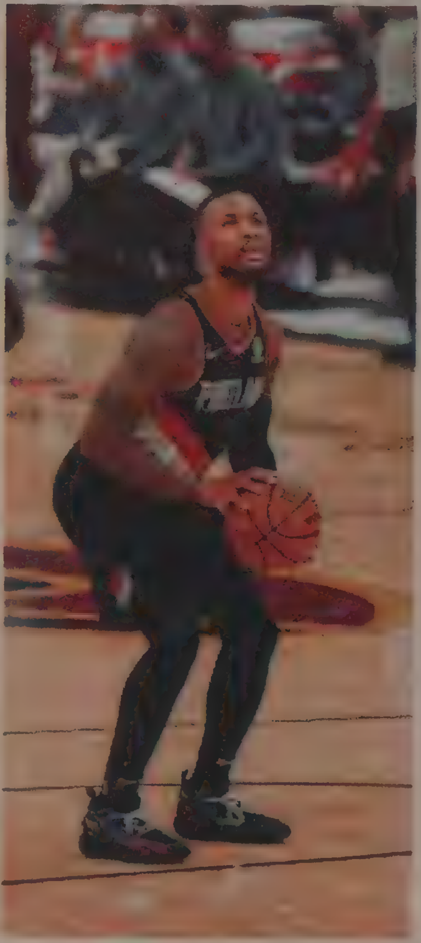
The Trail Blazers finally ship out franchise star Damian Lillard and will hope that rookie guard Scoot Henderson can be the future face of the franchise.



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Lillard will look to add to his legacy with the Milwaukee Bucks and win his first ring.

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Marketplace introduces KITRO to track food waste

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The Marketplace has invested in a futuristic system that will track and hopefully decrease food waste at Elizabethtown College.

Around one-third of all food in the world goes to waste; which is an unfortunate–and preventable–part of modern society. The question is, what can we do to lower this number, at least in our own community?

Enter KITRO.

Based in Switzerland, KITRO is a company that is committed to leading companies and schools all over the world to track how much food they are wasting. The company boasts that its customers can reduce up to 60% of food waste.

These numbers typically hover around 30% within the first six months of use. Many long-term customers even receive a positive return on their investment, as disposing large quantities of food is needlessly expensive.

KITRO's system allows each student to take part in slashing food waste in the Marketplace. When you are finished eating, separate your leftover food from your napkins. Empty the food into KITRO and throw the paper waste into the bin next to it. Leave your dishes and utensils on the tray and place it on the conveyor belt as you normally would.

It's that easy.

Disposing your food waste into KITRO is not mandatory, but it is very simple. It will also help the Marketplace staff achieve the most reliable results so that the AI can suggest any relevant changes to the menu.

They hope that these changes will lead to less food waste. As dramatic as it may sound, a few seconds of your time will help make Etown–and the world–a better place.

In fact, Etown is the first college in the United States to invest in this technology.

Etown has become a pioneer in reducing food waste. Energy advocates hope in the future other institutions will follow the Marketplace's positive example, especially as some 22 million pounds of food are wasted by colleges across the nation,. according to Stone Pier Press.

Some students are already using this technology and find it to be a worthwhile investment made by the College.

"Food waste is a decently sized issue to worry about," one student mentioned. "Personally, I would take some time to dump food into the bin. I don't know if I would expect everyone to, though."

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PSECU offers banking services and benefits to students on campus

Courtesy of Nicholas Wiley

The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) provides free financial resources for Etown students.

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Many of us attending college are learning the ins and outs of financial responsibility for the first time. It can be a daunting process, especially if you're far from home or have little experience with this kind of independence.

At Elizabethtown College, students often work on-campus jobs from Dining Services, to tech ops to writing for The Etownian. By even just attending a school in Pa. though, we are all eligible for membership in the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU).

PSECU has been partnered with the College for 10+ years now. You may have seen their financial education center immediately when walking into the Baugher Student Center (BSC).

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The College releases Barbie merch

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The Elizabethtown College Store recently unveiled merchandise based on the smash hit "Barbie," released in theaters this summer. The merchandise line includes a pink shirt with "Etown College" written in the font shown on the movie poster and a pink tumbler with rhinestones.

"In the College Store we try to pick up on the trends among the students," Merchandise Manager Amy McEvoy said. "The popularity of the Barbie movie with young adults was very apparent as we started the semester this fall.

McEvoy first teased the shirt on the Jaysapp on Sept. 25, with a quote from the Barbie movie in the caption. McEvoy posted twice more before the official drop on Oct. 2 .with quotes from the Barbie movie, and #BarbieDrop.

One of the College Store's vendors presented them with the shirt style, McEvoy said. She said the store then ran the idea past student employees, who were "enthusiastic" about the idea.

The College Store's website does not directly acknowledge the connection to the Barbie movie, simply saying "How could we resist one of the hottest trends! October is also breast cancer awareness month."

The Etown Colleges Against Cancer Club asked the College Store for a raffle donation for homecoming, and McEvoy said the store saw an opportunity.

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

Students can get Barbie-themed merch to wear around campus from the College Store.

"Here at the Store, we have a goal to work with more of the student clubs and college organizations, and the Barbie shirt was the perfect opportunity," McEvoy said. "Since October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month and the corresponding ribbon is pink, everything fell into place perfectly."

Students had mixed feelings about the Barbie-themed merch, which is part of a larger fall drop.

Charlie Carberry '24 thought the merchandise was a good opportunity to capitalize on students' likes.

"The College Store knows their audience, and I like that they put student interests into merch," Carberry said. "I'm obsessed with the Barbie movie, and I'm obsessed with the merch."

Sophomore Erin Erb saw the Barbie movie and said she enjoyed it but wasn't a huge fan of the merchandise created.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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The general trend of larger corporations taking over their competitors, such as Disney acquiring Marvel and Lucas Films, has been a concern in all forms of digital and non-digital media.

Mainly, because it raises the thought that the corporation could become a monopoly in their respective field and raise the prices as they wish and leave the consumer with little choice.

The US, alongside other major countries, has tried to regulate this with laws.

Microsoft faced these concerns during its process of acquiring Activision Blizzard and King Franchises.

With that, they would have rights to games like Call of Duty, Overwatch, Candy Crush and World of Warcraft.

One of the major concerns from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was that Microsoft would make these games, currently available on a variety of consoles including Xbox's competitions, Xbox and Microsoft exclusives, and alienate the current fanbases.

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) also had concerns about Microsoft raising the prices of the games and distributing them in unfair manners and wanted to optimize choices and services that the general public has access to.

Nicky Stewart, a consultant and former commercial director of cloud services provider UK Cloud, spoke of the regulatory action as a general step in the right direction for the gaming industry as "the CMA has forced Microsoft to make concessions in the UK that other regulators have not. This is good news for the UK's nascent gaming industry."

One of the major concessions they had to make was Microsoft giving Ubisoft the rights to stream Activision games from the cloud for the next fifteen years outside of the EU.

That limits their current scope and control of the gaming market with Activision games and gives time for their competitors, who may have less resources currently, to break into the market as well.

Despite initial pushback against the regulation, Microsoft reworked the deal and was able to move forward around 21 months after they first announced they would be acquiring Activision Blizzard. Their deal cost them 69 billion dollars.

Even with the concessions, there could be a major change in the future of console gaming as Microsoft now has access to more properties, considering they now own the biggest game publishers in the world, and minds than they ever had before.

"Today, we start the work to bring beloved Activision Blizzard, and King franchises to Game Pass and other platforms," Microsoft Gaming CEO Phil Spencer said in an online statement celebrating the merger.

He continued to say that "...when everyone plays, we all win. We believe our news today will unlock a world of possibilities for more ways to play."

While initial concerns regarding this transaction took a long time to resolve, now that it has been approved fans of Microsoft and Activision Blizzard can hope for their favorite properties to only be enhanced and not diminished. Microsoft plans to let consumers know their plans and additions in the time to come.

Still, for those who are highly invested in games, their experience will not be limited to only Microsoft consoles due to the important and necessary regulation by the systems in place.

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PSECU to offer multiple student incentives

Located next to the HUB, this center is run by two PSECU representatives: Jen Nicrone and Alan Lane.

The Etownian got the chance to ask Lane some questions about PSECU and what they offer students here at Etown.

On the subject of membership, Lane had this to say: "Students have the opportunity to become a member of PSECU. Credit unions typically have membership requirements, but Etown students meet those requirements because of our partnership with the College."

This aspect of the offer is enticing to students who may not fulfill the eligibility requirements of other credit unions.

Banking is one of the main services that PSECU provides, among its other resources.

"We provide financial education as well as banking options. We have checking accounts, savings accounts… you can also get credit cards and auto loans," Lane said.

Lane and Nicrone's official roles are as community relationship managers, providing opportunities for financial education to students, both in and out of the classroom.

Becoming a member also has sign-on benefits that students may want to be aware of.

"By joining, our current promotion is up to $300. The first $100 is given just for opening an account. It's to help students get started on their financial journey," Lane said. "In addition to the banking services, we also offer an online library of financial education materials. Jen and I are available on-site to provide one-on-one education as well."

How do students go about opening an account though? The process is surprisingly simple. Scanning the QR code outside their BSC office will link to an application, which is about a 10 minute process. Lane says that applications are responded to within 7-10 days usually.

The process is slightly different for international students, who will need to complete some in-person paperwork.

PSECU itself is an old institution, dating back to 1934. Their partnership with the College has yielded other benefits, such as the stage platform near the steps in The Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-Being.

They're currently growing their reach and are in the process of training 3 new ambassadors who are Etown students themselves.

Bryce Hilton, a junior secondary social studies education major, has been a member of PSECU for a while now.

"As someone working a lot during college, it's been nice to use a bank that's reliable and doesn't have any crazy fees or anything like that," Hilton said.

Financial knowledge is one of the most important things a student can acquire during their college career, so if you're interested, the PSECU financial education center operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Even while in college, students can begin on that road to becoming financially successful," Lane said.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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The 2024 Election will undoubtedly lead to division, anxiety and frustration for millions of Americans. The 2024 Primary Election is already creating issues for Pennsylvania legislators up for election themselves. Typically, the Primary Election in Pa. has mattered very little in presidential election years. With its primary typically the last week in April, Pa. is one of the last states to vote and well after most of the candidates have been weeded out and the eventual nominee is already a certainty. By the end of April 2016, twelve initial Republican candidates were reduced to just three.

Similarly, by the end of April 2020, over twenty initial Democratic candidates were reduced to the two frontrunners of Biden and Sanders, and Biden already had an insurmountable lead in the race.

This lack of candidate choice in presidential election years has led many Pennsylvanians to feel underrepresented in the primary process. This is especially important as Pa. is considered a bellwether state in the general election.

In 2024, Pa.'s primary falls on April 23, which happens to be during Jewish Passover holiday week. To avoid holding the primary on a religious holiday, the decision to move the primary date has received rare bipartisan support in the General Assembly. This creates the next headache in deciding what the new primary election date should be. Despite logistical concerns about the availability of polling places and volunteers, both the state House and Senate have approved earlier dates that would allow Pa.'s primary to take place weeks before April 23: The Democratic-led House recently passed a bill proposed by Representative Malcom Kenyatta of Philadelphia that would move the primary date to April 2; while the Republican led Senate passed a bill drafted by David Argall of Schuylkill County that would advance the primary to March 19.

Democrats want to create a regional, multi-state primary date with Delaware, Connecticut and New York, which already have their Primary Election set on April 2. They argue that this will allow for easier travel scheduling for Presidential candidates and will make the region more attractive to Presidential candidates. In addition, Democrats argue that this would give local election officials more time to adjust to the earlier date and minimize the odds of a chaotic election day. Republicans, however, want to maximize Pa.'s importance as a bellwether state by moving Election Day to March 19, two weeks after Super Tuesday on March 2 where over a dozen states vote.

This puts Pa. on the electoral calendar with other swing states like Ohio, Arizona and Florida and would leave Pa. as a key state that could help decide a race between two frontrunners or a small group of candidates who are running neck and neck.

Republicans have opposed moving the election to March 2, stating that its proximity to Easter would be disruptive to travel and religious celebration.

In the House, a similar bill that would move the election to March 19 failed after amendments were made adding provisions for stricter voter identification requirements. Voter ID laws would require all persons eligible to vote to carry some form of approved photo identification with them when they go to vote.

Republicans argue that this would help ease concerns over voter fraud while Democrats allege that Voter ID laws only suppress voter turnout in Black and Brown urban communities where a valid form of identification such as a driver's license may not be necessary and a form of voter suppression.

Although both sides remain optimistic about the potential for Pa. finally taking its place as a bellwether primary state, it remains to be seen whether the General Assembly will be able to put their differences aside in favor of setting an earlier Primary Election date.

New AI helps reduce waste

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It may be unreasonable to expect every Etown student to take the time to use KITRO, but use will hopefully increase with more advertisement of the process.

Another student, Bella '27, is skeptical about how effective KITRO will be for preventing future food waste.

"Just because people throw food away doesn't mean they don't like it; maybe they just didn't feel like eating it all," she said.

According to some students, making changes to the menu is a somewhat drastic measure to take when there are multiple reasons for students to toss food.

A student named Elise '27 agrees with her.

"I think it's odd because people don't usually get food they don't like," she said. "The only things they throw away are the things they couldn't eat because they were either too full or accidentally took too much."

Dining Services did not respond to a request for a comment.

KITRO has only been at Etown for a few days, however, and the technology may prove itself useful.

In about a week, the system will have received the data it needs to make suggestions on how to change the menu for the Marketplace.

KITRO is part of initiatives taken in the last year to improve Dining Services.

Last year, after multiple student complaints and short-staffing issues, Dining Services raised its wages, with students starting at $14 an hour. They also hired new professional staff.

Students can access a full Dining Services menu on the program's website, etown.edu/offices/dining.

KITRO is currently only available in the Marketplace, even though OZZI to-go boxes are returned in the Jay's nest below.

Students react to new College Store initiative

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"I think the mug is stupid because it doesn't even have the Barbie font," Erb said. "The shirt I get, while I think it's bland, it has the Barbie pink. The mug isn't even Barbie pink."

While the mug was never included in the Barbie-themed posts, it did drop at the same time. McEvoy said it simply fit the theme.

"If we're going Barbie, let's go Barbie," Erb said.

Sophomore Brooke Weston didn't see the Barbie movie and didn't enjoy the brand hype around the movie. Even before the movie was released, Mattel made more than 100 brand partnerships surrounding the movie, CNN Business reported.

"The advertising for the movie was just too much," Weston said. "At the same time, I feel like the shirt looks like they didn't watch the movie, it's just too simple."

Weston said she didn't understand the grasp of the Barbie movie and believes the College should focus on making merchandise for students.

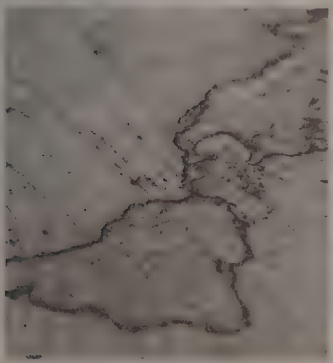
"I feel like the school store is very much directed towards adults, not the students," Weston said. "We should do more fun things focused on student groups, like WWEC's 60th anniversary."

McEvoy said the store is pursuing future opportunities to partner with students, including an upcoming Halloween t-shirt for the Etown dance team.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.



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Tens of thousands of pro-democratic protests in Guatemala remain firm as demonstrators call for the resignation of Attorney General Maria Consuelo Porras, who suspended president-elect Bernardo Arevalo's political party amid allegations of voter registration fraud. Protestors argue that Porras is attempting to undermine democracy by preventing the peaceful transition of presidential power set for Jan. 14.

Arevalo won the Guatemalan presidential election at the end of August with a 20-point margin of victory on an anti-corruption platform. A center-left politician, Arevalo has been subject to multiple legal attacks. Most notably, the Associated Press (AP) reported that authorities raided electoral facilities to confiscate vote tally sheets. These were conducted by Porras, alleging that this was a necessary action to investigate election irregularities.

"The people of Guatemala have spoken forcefully," Arevalo told reporters after initially winning the election. "Enough with so much corruption."

In response to Porras' measures, protesters blocked roads and highways across the country. These have created mass traffic and sent commerce into disarray as many demonstrators are farmers and members of indigenous groups.

Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei called for the end of the blockades and said he would not be removing Porras from power. The prosecutor's office also expressed that the attorney general will not be resigning.

"We are requesting the appropriate arrest warrants so that justice can be applied," Giammattei said in a taped message responding to the unrest. He also asserted that protestors "have received support and advice from foreigners," vowing to also arrest them.

Arevalo has accused Giammattei of remaining silent on the issue of a peaceful transition of presidential power. The president-elect wrote a letter addressing this and requesting the removal of Porras from office, Reuters reported.

"The people have interpreted your silence as consent to the undermining of our democratic institutions," Arevalo said in the letter. "Your silence is an insult to the Guatemalan people."

In May 2022, the U.S. Department of State formally designated Porras' involvement in significant corruption, prohibiting her and her immediate family from entering the U.S. under Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act.

"During her tenure, Porras repeatedly obstructed and undermined anti-corruption investigations in Guatemala to protect her political allies and gain undue political favor," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. "Porras's pattern of obstruction includes reportedly ordering prosecutors in Guatemala's Public Ministry to ignore cases based on political considerations and firing prosecutors who investigate cases involving acts of corruption."

With the U.S. and other onlookers standing against Porras, demonstrations will likely continue until the investigation into Arevalo is dropped or the attorney general resigns. However, it is also possible that the government uses violence to quell public discontent. Being one of the most turbulent elections in recent Guatemalan history, the outcome of these movements will reveal what direction the country is heading.

Business Buzz

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Today, with the world at such an uncertain point, we look towards something almost like a port in a storm. Stability, consistency and a reminiscence of a prior time can give us a belief in a future of stability.

In America, we grew up with local businesses where at least one was known to be passed down from generation to generation. It could be a restaurant, bakery or an automotive repair shop. Family businesses represent 59% of today's private workforce but have been struggling to hold on after COVID-19 and the recent surge of inflation. When surveyed in 2022, American consumers have found to trust locally-owned and family-owned businesses compared to franchises. Though most people favor family-owned and local businesses, not many people know that some of our biggest companies are in fact family-owned businesses. We view family-owned businesses as the small coffee shops that are right around the block, but most of the biggest U.S. companies are family-owned businesses.

Editorial Director at Camden Wealth Nicholas Moody said, "Most people don't realize that family businesses are actually the engines of economies. For all the noise and razzle-dazzle of public companies, it is actually family businesses that have the power," as he discussed the benefits and importance of family businesses worldwide. In many ways, he is entirely factual. Around 90 percent of the world's economic growth is contributed to by family-owned businesses.

In developing nations, family businesses have become the ones that matter most to their economy. In India, one of the most successful developing nations with one of the densest populations in the world currently, have found that family firms make up around 90 percent of their industrial output and 27 percent of their employment. This was back in 2014, and now they contribute 79 percent annually to the national GDP of India.

As there is a trend with family businesses that are on the rise for many emerging economies, it has been found to create sincere stability in their business, allowing them to influence the more general economy. In developing nations, there is a higher likelihood of the business remaining within the family, becoming a social identifier for the family in many different cultures.

Due to their rapid growth rate, the ability to stay within the family creates stability for emerging economies, and family businesses are more likely to experience rapid growth, with 57 percent in China, and 40 percent in India and the Middle East before COVID-19. Another reason they are helpful to emerging economies is the higher likelihood of them branching out into other areas of business, which allows for the creation of cash flow in these economies.

Finally, the emergence of family businesses creates the knowledge of being in it for the long run. Most family businesses in emerging economies are still developing business strategies decades after beginning, creating the ability to become adaptable when tides could be continuously changing.

Family businesses have much more influence and impact than many Americans believe they do. Emerging economies have begun embracing business and family, making it a benefit that will positively impact the rest of their community, providing better lives for everyone.

Etown holds 28th annual Homecoming parade

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This year, it may have rained on our parade, but the parade went on nonetheless! Held indoors on Oct. 14, several school clubs and organizations presented their floats over Homecoming weekend.

Sock and Buskin, "Alice in Wonderland" Float

Sock and Buskin is a theater club that happens to be the oldest club on campus. They provide theater workshops and activities for students to explore and learn more about the stage, costumes and acting. They also promote theater events on campus where students can create their own performances. Their float played the song "Dream" by the Pied Pipers.

Best Buddies, "Best Buddies are All-Stars" Float

Best Buddies is an international organization whose mission is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendship, integrated employment, leadership development and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Elizabethtown College's Best Buddies club works to develop meaningful friendships through group events such as holiday parties, movie nights and bingo. Their Shrek-themed float partied to "All Star" by Smash Mouth. Shrek was very committed to his role.

Melica, "Melica in a Tangle" Float

Melica is Etown's all-female acapella group whose goal is to empower and bring together women on campus through friendship, bonding and a shared love of music. The group performed an acapella version of "I See the Light" from the movie "Tangled."

Middle Eastern Culture Club, "Aladdin and a Wonderful Lamp" Float

Etown's Middle Eastern Culture Club welcomes students of all descents to learn about Middle Eastern culture, food and history. Their float featured the Magic Carpet, Jasmine and Abu.

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The floats had various themes and portrayed the students' creativity with the themes ranging from "Alice in Wonderland" to "Three Little Pigs."

E-motion, "Beauty and the Blue Jay" Float

E -motion is the all-inclusive dance club on campus that is open to all levels of dance experience. The club brings those together who want to move their bodies, serve local communities and improve health. They are the largest club on campus. E-motion performed a dance to "Be Our Guest" from "Beauty and the Beast."

Honors Council, "Honors in Neverland" Float

The Honors Council is a group of students who serve members of the Honors Program by planning events, representing the Honors Program and connecting honors students with the honors director and other faculty. Their mission statement is to enhance honors learning opportunities and represent the needs of the individuals in Etown's Honors Program. The group performed a short skit with Captain Hook and the Lost Boys.

Elizabethtown College Dance Team, Float

Elizabethtown College Dance Team is an audition-based advanced dance team focused on hip-hop, jazz and contemporary dance. They perform at club events and shows, as well as sporting events. This fall, they will be premiering their brand new show "Dancing with the Jays" in The Leffler Chapel and Performance Center.

Class of 2026, "Three Little Pigs" Float

The Class of 2026, which is part of the student assembly, had the theme of "Three Little Pigs." Their float had the three little pigs, the big bad wolf and a house.

Class of 2025, " Jack and the Birds Nest" Float

The Class of 2025 performed a skit where Jack, who had to sell the family cow, sold it for some magic beans that grew a giant beanstalk. This led him to the magical egg-laying blue jay which he stole from an angry giant. Jack lived happily ever after…the giant not so much.

Even with the unlucky weather of Homecoming weekend, these groups made the most of it, and the parade went on.

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Different student organizations, such as Melica and E-motion- were given the opprtunity to showcase their groups talent,.

CCCE continues community outreach work

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The CCCE often hosts service trips over breaks, which allows students to volunteer their time during breaks to help other communities.

The Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) has a vision of providing opportunities to engage in community service to students, faculty and staff. The Center does this in a number of ways by building long-term connections with local, national and international organizations. The foundation of all of the Center's connections is a reciprocal relationship.

Two of the most well-known initiatives by the CCCE are the Blue Jay Pantry and Blue Jay Career Closet. The pantry is available to all students, providing them with free and non-perishable food items that are sourced by donations from the local community. The pantry's goals are to eliminate food security at the College, remove barriers that exist for students experiencing hunger and facing difficulty purchasing food and providing students with resources that help students make their own healthy meals.

The career closet works to ensure that all students are able to access attire they would need for job interviews, student placements, career fairs and any other event where professional attire is required. The career closet, which was proposed by the Student Senate class of 2022 and established in the summer of that year, uses donations given by community members. The closet strengthens the connections between the CCCE, the Career Development Center and other academic programs. These interdepartmental supports aid in ensuring that students' needs are fulfilled and that students are given an even playing field when it comes to career opportunities.

The CCCE often hosts service trips over breaks, which allows students to volunteer their time during breaks to help other communities. One such example is the annual Fall Break Service Trip, which took place on Oct. 5-7 this year. Students who decided to stay over break and help with this initiative clocked around 20 hours of service each by going to the Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat for Humanity's build site in Columbia, Pa. The students worked on building houses for disadvantaged families for about eight hours a day.

Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families by building and renovating homes, with the mission of providing affordable houses in order to create the framework for a strong, stable community. Throughout the years, they have been able to help a large number of families, and they rely heavily on volunteers. This means that it is paramount for institutions like the College to commit to long-term collaborations to aid Lancaster-Lebanon Habitat for Humanity's mission.

One such commitment was the College's goal of delivering one cold weather item, such as thermal socks,knit gloves and hats, to a local service organization per each student in the incoming Class of 2027 that made their deposit before May 1, 2023. It is important to note that the Class of 2027 is the class with the highest enrollment since 2009, with 530 students committing to the College before the May deadline.

The students were able to experience different projects, such as placing siding on four row houses and aiding in building scaffolding and frames for outdoor storage. This experience not only helped disadvantaged families in the community but also helped students develop many skills, such as using power tools.

"Learning new skills and helping the community will help me later in life and in my career," early childhood education major and first-year Macey Coll said.

The CCCE relies on the help of student workers, who are able to run a number of the events held by the Center, such as Into the Streets.Director of the CCCE Javita Thompson has played an influential part in shaping the vision for the Center. Thompson leads by example, serving in the community by working with other organizations that work with disadvantaged communities.

Thompson was selected recently for the first individual cohort for the United Way of Lancaster County's Project Blueprint. This project is a training and resource tool for diverse community members from disadvantaged backgrounds and aims to help individuals become leaders in their local communities. Other people of that cohort include participants that work on nonprofit and public governance boards. Thompson was selected based on her potential to become a leader in her community.

The project works by providing nine monthly training sessions that are facilitated by field experts. These sessions are an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a leader, establish connections with other community members, explore ways to influence a community in positive ways and build long-term interdisciplinary commitments to diversity and belonging.

"I value being able to connect with people who have a similar vision for solving problems and seeking resources to help others benefit who might not have the same opportunity to thrive as others," Thompson said. "I am honored to be among this group of strong leaders."

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>
> *~Javita Thompson*

Students are encouraged to become involved with the CCCE by visiting the office located on the second floor of the BSC (Brossman Commons 247), emailing civicengagement@etown.edu, or calling the Center at 717-361-3025. To learn more about the CCCE, visit https://www.etown.edu/centers/community-civic/

Disability Services aims to elevate issues of accessibility on campus

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Elizabethtown College aims to make all its students enjoy their college experience no matter their background by providing disability resources for students and visitors who need assistance. Disability Services has a mission statement to "provide these groups support and to ensure that all individuals in need of assistance can obtain the services necessary to experience our campus to the fullest of their abilities. It is our intent to remove the barriers that may be standing between individuals with disabilities and the supports available to them." The College provides many resources for students, such as those listed below.

Academic accommodations are to be requested through the academic accommodations request form with supporting documents from a treating healthcare provider's disability documentation, forms submitted to Disability Services. After submitting this appropriate documentation, the student should arrange a meeting with the Director of Disability Services Lynne Davies, whose office is located on the second floor of Baugher Student Center in office 228.

Housing accommodations also need appropriate documentation submitted to meet with the director of Disability Services to move forward with the procedures. This is for Davies to arrange a meeting with the Director of Community Living and/or the Housing Coordinator to discuss the modifications and options suitable based on the anticipated availability. If there is no suitable accommodation yet, the students will stay on a waiting list and will be notified if there is any available accommodation.

Testing accommodations are to provide concerned students with the opportunity to adjust their test-taking or to gain assistance in the matter. They are to contact the Office of Disability Services at the beginning of each semester to specify which classes/faculty should be informed of their accommodation(s), with a copy of their accommodation letter. After their faculty receives this letter, the student should arrange a meeting with each one of them to discuss accommodations. Students have the right to take exams in an appropriate environment. It could be in a classroom with their peers or in the Learning Zone. It is supposed to be in a suitable place with no distractions or assistance from technology.

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Student workers are usually at the Learning Zone's front desk to direct students to where they need to be and help answer any questions students have.

Dining accommodations consist of giving students with autoimmune diseases or allergies the ability to make reasonable accommodations in what they will consume at the College. While Dining Services is committed to the dietary health of each student, it is fully the student's responsibility to verify the ingredients in the food that will be served. It could be done by asking the server or by reviewing the ingredients list in the logbook at the check station or even upon request by reviewing the ingredients in the storage areas.

The procedure to Identify is for students that are with a disability based on the guidelines given by the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) to provide a higher education to the person concerned. The Disability Services at the College requires documentation concerning the student's condition to be sure of the presence of a disability and to have a better understanding of how the disability may affect the student's ability to work in a college setting. With that information provided it is appropriate to give the concerned student the accommodations to make sure that they have access to all the courses, services, programs and activities as everyone else in the College.

Etown also offers aid to prospective students, parents and other campus visitors with a way to adjust to the transition from high school to college. They also help parents/visitors to take part in some of the activities provided with accommodation, allowing them to enjoy the events to the fullest.

Learning Zone

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Disability Services is located in the Center for Student Access, which allows students to visit multiple departments to get the help they need all in one spot.

Scan the QR Code to go to the Disability Services website and learn more about the resources that they offer to students.

Horoscopes

Which of the Sims 4 traits are you based on your zodiac sign?

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For this week of the Horoscopes, my mind went to a game I have spent an absurd amount of money on: The Sims 4. With all the expansion packs, game packs, stuff packs and kits, there's an abundance of content that you can add on to the base game. Use your sun, moon and rising signs to find out which three traits you would have if you were a Sim!

Aries- The trait for Aries has to be Overachiever from the expansion pack, High School Years. You like to be engaged in some activity every single second that you are awake. Your resume is probably longer than some books in the Sims 4 location, Willow Creek Library!

Taurus- For the Tauruses, your trait is Loyal from the base game. You're dedicated to the people you care about and would do anything for them. You're especially loyal, or as some would say stubborn, with your opinions.

Gemini- The trait for the Geminis is Genius from base game. You're logical and think everything through. If you were a Sim, I bet your favorite activity would be either playing the chess table or exploring the observatory!

Cancer- A Cancer's priority is usually their family, and so your trait is Family Oriented from the base game. However, after spending some time with the chaotic Sims 4 infants and toddlers, you might want to change that.

Leo- Even in your lowest moments, Leo, you still have faith in yourself, and thus, your trait is Self-Assured from the base game. Like the lion, you're the definition of confidence, and this trait boosts that emotion.

Virgo- A Virgo typically has strong standards that they would like people to meet, and so, your trait is High Maintenance from the game pack Spa Day. At first glance, this trait may seem negative, but it's a positive one! You know what you're worth and don't expect anything less!

Libra- Libras love when life has order, and so the trait for you is Neat from the base game. This trait enables you to enter a cleaning frenzy, and you gain fun from it! Everything is so much easier when everything is in their place.

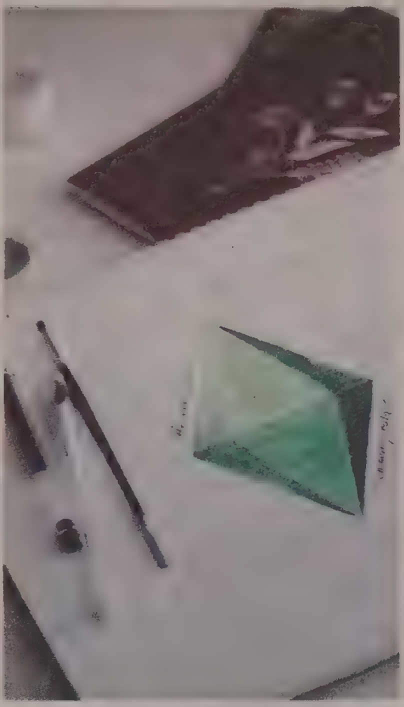
Scorpio- Everyone knows that Scorpios tend to be misunderstood, so the trait that best suits you is Cat Lover from the expansion pack, Cat and Dogs. You love cats because like you, they keep to themselves around most people. Getting a cat's, and a Scorpio's, trust is the highest honor one can receive.

Sagittarius- Sagittariuses are known for being extroverted, so your trait is Party Animal from the expansion pack, High School Years. No party is worth being at if you're not there. You're probably talking to people, tearing it up on the dance floor and being the life of the party all at the same time!

Capricorn- It's true that Capricorns are only happy when they're being productive, so the trait for them is Maker from the expansion pack, Eco Lifestyle. You don't get upset when your time at the Woodworking Table ends up in failure. Instead, you see every opportunity as a learning experience.

Aquarius- You never know what an Aquarius is up to, so the trait for you is Adventurous from the expansion pack, Snowy Escape. You're a jack of all trades and are constantly seeking out a new experience. You definitely have the best stories to tell!

Pisces- Often, Pisces are affected greatly by their environment and enjoy nature. Thus, the trait for you is Love Outdoors from the base game. Your mood instantly peaks when you walk outside and the sun hits your skin. Your most used social interaction is definitely 'enthuse about nature!'



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Is your trait from the base game or an extension pack? Read to find out!

Activity Review

Get dressed up and enjoy a day of merriment in the Elizabethan Era with your friends at the Renaissance Faire

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Welcome back, readers! This week, we're taking a trip back in time for one of the most infamous local attractions: the Renaissance Faire.

The fairgrounds are located at 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim Pa., about a 20-minute drive from campus. It's open weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning mid-August through the end of October. Tickets are roughly $35 for a day, with a discount for admission after 4 p.m., though there are many vendors and games like archery and axe throwing inside the Faire for which you may want to bring some extra cash.

The Renaissance Faire boasts a lively atmosphere, with many guests (my friends and I included) choosing to dress in Renaissance or high fantasy-style clothing, and each of the buildings are designed to mimic old English architecture. Employees are also dressed accordingly and play into the theming of the attraction.

There are a wide range of shows performed each day and the complete schedule can be found on the company's website. There are also various themes and events across different weeks. Currently, there is trick-or-treating at some of the vendors for younger children since Halloween is just around the corner.

With so much going on, it's possible to visit the Renaissance Faire multiple times in one season and still be unable to see everything. This, combined with the approaching end of the season and its general popularity, means there's a lot of people. Unfortunately, paths were somewhat difficult to navigate because of the large crowds and there wasn't enough seating at most of the events, leaving my friends and I to sit on the grass to the side for a few of them, even after trying to arrive a bit early. Lines for food were exceptionally long but moved fairly quickly.

Despite the high volume of people, the shows we were able to see were exciting and entertaining. We saw the English Wrestling show, which like some other performances, was really more of a scripted act in which the four wrestlers stage fight with a group of "evil" challengers. We also decided to watch The Mud Skippers, a troupe of three performers that tells the story of King Richard III in a silly and family-friendly show, and the Adamo Ignis Fire & Danger show, which included a fire dancer performing cool tricks and cracking jokes while a live cellist played. Edged Feather Birds of Prey was a falconry show featuring an African augur buzzard and a Eurasian eagle owl.

Although we liked everything we went to see, my friends and I had the most fun watching the jousting. There were three separate events, the first of which was a simple test of skill, during which each of the four knights caught rings on their lances. During the second, which took place later in the day, challenges were issued between the knights and they were each given an opportunity to joust in a tournament style, as well as fight on the ground with swords. The hand-to-hand combat was staged and resulted in a challenge for a "fight to the death," which would take place at the end of the day alongside the final round of the jousting tournament.

The jousting crowd had the most energy of any of the events, with the audience being told which knights to root for based on where they were sitting. My friends and I were on the side of the "good" knights, fighting for honor and chivalry, while the other side were "evil" and "dishonorable." Each time the knights scored a point or paraded around the battlegrounds, the crowd erupted into cheers or booed avidly.

Additionally, the Faire features a storyline with recurring characters throughout the performances of the day. The final joust transitioned into the final segment of the storyline, complete with a spectacle of fireworks.

Overall, I had a great time watching the unique performances, though I may have to come back next year at the start of the season, when the weather will hopefully be a little nicer and the crowds a little smaller.

Photo Courtesy of Emily Stewart of BCCC

The Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire has plenty of entertaining events to attend throughout the day, including three jousting events.

Buisness Review

Find your new favorite accessory at Knock Knock Boutique

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Looking for a cute pair of earrings? Or a gift for a friend's birthday? Knock Knock Boutique is just the place you need to be. From countless jewelry options to clothes to fun mugs and bags, the choices are endless!

The first time I visited Knock Knock was during the Blue Jay Walk into town in the beginning of the semester. Since then, my friends and I have been back several times to browse the shop! Located right on Market Street, it's an easy drive or even a walk in my case. The employees are always super kind and willing to help or give an opinion if necessary.

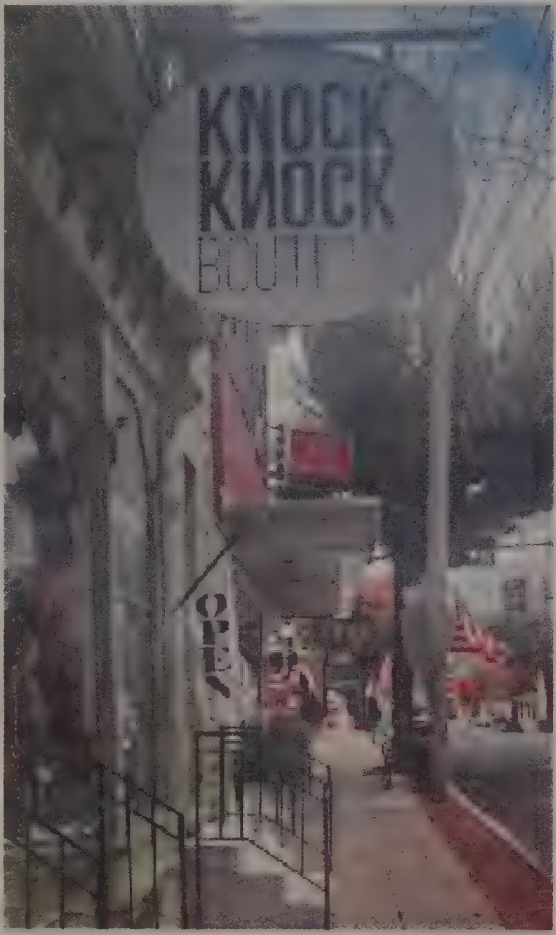
You may think of boutiques as expensive or only carrying one style, but I can tell you Knock Knock has something for everyone. The affordable prices for the great quality of items makes it easy to get lost in your shopping. They have an immense selection of necklaces, rings, bracelets and especially earrings–these are what caught my eye first. Walking from one section of the store to the next, I passed so many different kinds. They offer a lot of spunky, creative earrings that look like miniature versions of things such as food and people. On the other hand, they also carry elegant, statement earrings. So, whether you're looking for something fun to accessorize your casual outfits or your formal ones, they've got it!

An employee of Knock Knock Boutique, Kaitlyn Hartlaub, said that she personally prefers the "trendy, classic gold earrings because they're not huge statement pieces and perfect for everyday wear." These, she said, are what she buys the most from the shop. And I agree! The simple silver and gold studs or small hoops are just right for any occasion.

Permanent jewelry seems to be all the rage right now, and recently Knock Knock started offering it! On their website, shopknockknock.com, they describe their permanent jewelry, known as Locked, as "jewelry that is soldered together and can not be taken off. [Their] custom necklaces, rings, bracelets, or anklets are welded on with high quality metal chains with a variety of different styles, textures, and colors." So, keep an eye out on social media for events that offer Locked, or even send them a direct email requesting an appointment. Consider taking a friend or partner to have this unique experience together!

Aside from jewelry, the variety is the same with the rest of their products. The clothing racks throughout the store showcase every color and every current trend. In the few times I've been there, I noticed new items in rotation on every rack! Personally, my favorite part of the shop is the entire section of mugs. Perfect for college students, right?

Now, with the holiday season coming up, I would definitely pay a visit and get some gift shopping out of the way, or even treat yourself to something new. "Knock Knock" may sound like a joke… but I can assure you it's worth your time!



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Knock Knock Boutique is a great place to find unique quality jewelry.

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October 2023

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Oct. 23: From Hurricanes to Horrific Crimes: Internationally-Renowned Author Bob Reiss

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Oct. 26: Parents as Teachers Learning Series

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Oct. 28: Lancaster Central Market

Oct. 29: Senior Recital featuring Emily Barger, soprano and Wyatt Henschen, trumpet

Oct. 30: Candy Apple Bar

Oct. 30: Fall 2023 Concerto Competition

Elizabethtown College History Fact

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George Ness Falkenstein was born in 1859 in York. After saving up for an education, he moved west and was met with a series of unfortunate events. Eventually, he moved back east to Elizabethtown, where he helped found the college and sold items like textbooks and stationery.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on George Ness Falkenstein by Emmett Ferree.

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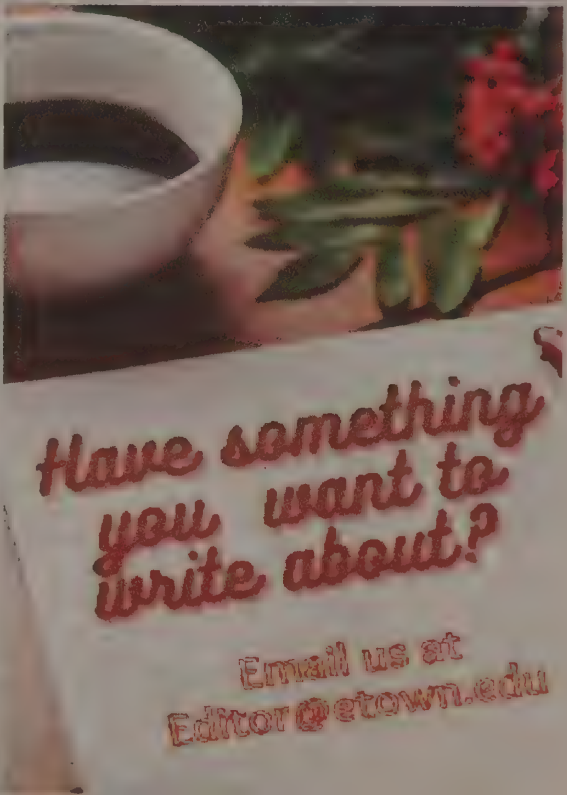
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Debate of the Week

As the weather starts to get colder, apple cinnamon and pumpkin spice battle for the title of the best fall flavor

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There's no doubt that both apple cinnamon and pumpkin spice flavors are delicious, but which is the better fall flavoring? Pumpkin spice may be beloved and iconic, but apple cinnamon is classic and crisp. Pumpkin pies and apple pies are both delicious fall treats, but which will you take at the dessert table?

When fall comes around, pumpkin spice lovers flock to Starbucks for the return of their favorite seasonal latte, and even those who aren't big coffee drinkers will wait in line forever for this warm and cozy flavor. While it's a common stereotype that fall lovers can't get over pumpkin spice lattes, it's not all Starbucks offers on their season menu. Though not as popular, apple cinnamon and other apple flavors are just as good as pumpkin spice.

When you stop at the Blue Bean in the Baugher Student Center (BSC), there are plenty of options to choose from on both sides, such as the Iced Apple Crisp Oatmilk Shaken Espresso or the classic Pumpkin Spice Latte. With the newer Starbucks items added to the fall menu, I personally think the apple crisp oatmilk drinks are better than the pumpkin spice drinks, but that may be because of them being new and exciting. I definitely think there is a steady decline in the hype surrounding pumpkin spice and a rise in apple cinnamon flavors' popularity.

It's not just drinks that contribute to the flavors' rivalry, but also desserts. Both apple cinnamon and pumpkin spice are great flavors for baking in the fall and both are synonymous with getting cozy in the cooler weather. However, some could argue that apple cinnamon isn't as specific to fall as pumpkin spice is. Apple cinnamon often carries over into the winter season and is associated with Christmas and Yule recipes and traditions, while pumpkin spice thrives specifically in fall. But does apple cinnamon's versatility help or hinder its cause? Since we can enjoy it for a longer stretch of time, for some people this only endears it to them more. In pumpkin spice's defense, it is more specific to fall which elevates its iconic nature.

Recently, I've been seeing more apple cinnamon flavored desserts than ever before. Recipes for apple crumb cakes, apple pies, apple cinnamon muffins and much more. While I do see plenty of pumpkin spice recipes, like pumpkin spice cream cheese cookies, when it comes to desserts, it seems apple cinnamon is the most versatile and popular.

So, apple cinnamon is the iconic fall baking flavor and pumpkin spice is the iconic fall drink flavor, but pumpkin spice is better associated with fall. So does being more popular make it the better fall flavor? Personally, I prefer apple cinnamon to pumpkin spice, but mostly because I'm more of a dessert person and I love to bake, but even I can't deny pumpkin spice's hold on the fall season.

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Which flavor do you prefer during these cold autumn months?

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Rory couldn't believe the line for the Barbie movie. Biggest Barbie-queue he's ever seen!

Media Review

Learn about First Aid Kit, a Swedish folk/country/pop duo

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Are you looking for new music to listen to that isn't pop? Do you long to listen to beautiful, lyrical music that evokes nostalgia? Are you a fan of Fleetwood Mac and the Rolling Stones and are looking to listen to something similar? Look no further–indie Swedish folk duo First Aid Kit recently released the deluxe version of their newest album, "Palomino."

First Aid Kit consists of sisters Johanna and Klara Söderberg, who are from Stockholm, Sweden. The duo debuted in 2007 by releasing songs on Myspace and submitting them to their local radio station and released their debut EP, "Drunken Trees," in 2008. Since then, they have released five studio albums, the most recent of which is "Palomino."

In their album "Palomino," First Aid Kit explores leaving the past behind as well as reminiscing on the beauty of life. It ranges from "finding the one" to wondering if love is real. Personally, my favorite track on this album is "Once Upon a Time," which reflects on naivety and young love. I especially appreciate how this track includes violin, viola, cello and double bass as well as the guitar. In this album, I'd also recommend "Out Of My Head" and "Angel."

The album is named after palomino-colored horses, which are light in color. The singers' album name choice cleverly fits the freeing, "running through the fields" vibe of the album.

The duo rose to fame when they uploaded a cover of the Fleet Foxes' "Tiger Mountain Peasant Song" in 2008. They are most known for their songs "My Silver Lining," "Wolf" and "Emmylou," the latter of which was on the Rolling Stone magazine's "Single of the Year" list in 2012.

Their music is a combination of country, folk and pop. Growing up listening to country music, the sisters wanted to recreate the folk-like feel in their own music. Additionally, the music blends their Swedish background with American undertones, creating masterpieces unlike what most have heard before.

I really like the duo's artistic style. I've listened to folk music before, but it hasn't always hit the spot for me. First Aid Kit, however, really impressed me. The gentle guitar riffs paired with the singers' lyrical voices make me feel like I'm running through a meadow in the springtime. I love how adventurous and whimsical their music feels.

First Aid Kit has several other incredible albums, my favorite of which is "The Lion's Roar." The first song I listened to by them was "Wolf," which is the last track in this album. My personal favorite by the duo, however, is "I Found a Way," which contains a whimsically nostalgic flute melody. From other albums, I'd recommend "My Silver Lining" and "Walk Unafraid."

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First Aid Kit uses a unique blend of genres in their new album "Palomino."

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet beloved family pet, Solomon the King Snake

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Elizabethtown College is an animal-loving campus. Between the way students idolize our beloved mascot and therapy dog, Truman, and the shared affection for pets both on and off campus, we are quite fond of pets. Everywhere we go, friends are filled with pride, scrolling through their photos to find one that shows little Timmy the kitten in the best light and Moose the golden retriever playing fetch in their backyard. In fact, countless students even won goldfish at the iconic Etown Fair this year. After playing the infamous game of toss and winning a fish, I, too, love sharing pictures of my little goldy.

In other words, the pet pride is infinite. So, let's welcome another adorable pet into the Etown family. Though not as prevalent, this slithery guy is just as striking and handsome as the rest: Solomon the snake!

Solomon is a friendly king snake; hence his name, which is inspired by King Solomon. Owned and adored by first-year London Cerullo, Soloman primarily enjoys relaxing and unwinding in his tank. The family had dreamt of adopting a pet snake for years, and the dream came true about six years ago after a trip to PetSmart.

When Cerullo and her family found the soon-to-be Solomon, they knew he was special. Perhaps the easygoing personality of the king snake stood out to them. Cerullo remembers the day that they first met him; she noted a special physical trait in the "heart spot on the top of his head." Perhaps this distinct spot symbolized the love they would soon feel towards him. No doubt about it, Solomon had successfully secured his spot in the Cerullo family along with their dog, Mocha.

King snakes are known for their docile and friendly personality. It makes perfect sense, then, that Soloman can easily be taken out of his tank and held. A fully grown guy, Solomon is described as being particularly long, yet skinny. Cerullo especially loves these characteristics; she notes, "He's long and skinny like a statement necklace when he's wrapped around your neck."

Solomon isn't an overly active snake; nonetheless, he has his fair share of fun. "He loves to take baths in his water bowl," Cerullo recalls with a big smile.

Pet owners should remember the responsibility that comes with owning a snake, or any pet for that matter. Solomon, for instance, is unique in the distinctive kind of food he eats—mice. For this reason, Cerullo prefers not to feed Solomon herself, and I can't say I blame her. Instead, her dad feeds him the mice, which come in frozen form in packs of two from the pet store.

All in all, I think we can all agree that Solomon couldn't have ended up in a better family. Having already been a part of the Cerullo family for six years, Solomon is continuing to thrive.

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Solomon has a heart-shaped marking on his head.

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Women's volleyball team rises to the challenge on Senior Day

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The Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team celebrated Senior Day in a big way on Friday, Oct. 13 against Catholic University. This one went the distance of five sets, and the Blue Jays would survive a thriller, taking the match three sets to five.

Seniors—middle blocker Katie Scaggs, outside hitter Georgianna Kahley and libero Kambrie Helper—were celebrated in pregame festivities. Scaggs tallied 12 kills and seven blocks, Kahley totaled eight kills, one block and one ace and Helper notched two kills to go along with her five assists. All were keys to Friday's win, helping 9-8 on the season and 3-3 in Landmark Conference play.

Overall, it was an even match, as the stat sheet read 78 points to 74 points in favor of Catholic. Other stats that were close were kills, aces and blocks. Etown had 53 kills to Catholic's 60, nine aces to Catholic's 10 and 12 blocks to their eight. While the Blue Jays were outdone in assists 59 to 47, that did not stop them from grabbing their ninth win of the season.

The match was the definition of a back-and-forth affair, and the opener set the tone. The Blue Jays would capture a 27-25 win in set one on the back of Scaggs and junior outside hitter Savannah Lesley, who had three kills each. With things knotted at 25 late, Etown would put together back-to-back points, winning a hard-fought set.

Catholic would get on the board in the second set, bouncing back with a 25-20 win. Etown went down early 5-0, but they kept it close. They narrowed the Catholic lead all the way down to two, 21-19. However, the early deficit proved too much to come back from.

The Blue Jays were fired up in the third set, taking as large as a nine-point lead and winning 25-16. Lesley was once again on point in this set, cementing her terrific day with six kills in the set to put Etown up.

Etown had the opportunity to put things away in the fourth set, but Catholic would not be denied, matching Etown with a 25-14 set win. Just as the Blue Jays had done in the third, Catholic returned the favor, pushing the issue and going up by as much as 13. Etown had 10 errors in this set, allowing Catholic to slip away.

The Blue Jays pulled through in the fifth and final set with a 15-12 victory. It looked easy for Etown early, going up quickly 5-0. But as was the story with the rest of the match, the score would get tight. With their backs against the wall, Catholic would fight back and close a 14-8 gap to 14-12. Kahley, however, would deliver the knockout blow with her eighth kill of the day.

The Blue Jays played the last game of their homestand on Wednesday, Oct. 18 against Lancaster Bible College at 7 p.m. They hoped to push their two-game winning streak to four with their two home matchups this week.

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Etown women's volleyball celebrated their Senior Day with a win against Catholic University.

Etown soccer impresses on Homecoming Weekend

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's soccer teams braved the rain and cold this Saturday, Oct. 14 to battle Wilkes University during Homecoming Weekend. The men's team (6-5-2, 4-2-0 LC) put out an impressive 3-0 victory over the visitors (4-5-5, 1-3-2 LC) with three different goal scorers and over triple the number of shots taken as Wilkes. The women's team (3-7-3, 1-3-2 LC) put on a dominant performance but was unable to seal the deal and drew 1-1 with Wilkes (3-5-5, 1-3-2 LC).

The men's team came out strong with an early goal in the 14th minute; senior midfielder Gavin Domsohn floated a ball in on a cross and junior midfielder Pedro Guizardi smashed it home with a powerful header. This was Guizardi's seventh goal of the season. Not even ten minutes later, Guizardi almost netted an eighth, only for his freekick to be pushed away by the keeper. Unfortunately for the keeper, it landed right at the feet of junior midfielder Hudson Peck who buried it, putting the Jays up 2-0 in the first half. Just in the first half, Etown outshot Wilkes 9-3.

The second half was more of the same, with junior forward James Abiss recording his first career goal in the 57th minute, assisted by Guizardi. Abiss transferred to Etown his sophomore year and started a handful of games and now has netted his first of hopefully many. The Jays dominated this half, outshooting Wilkes 13-3 with graduate student goalkeeper Kelvin Del Cid only needing to make one save in the 81 minutes he was in; sophomore goalie Bryce Domsohn was brought in for the final nine for his first minutes of the season.

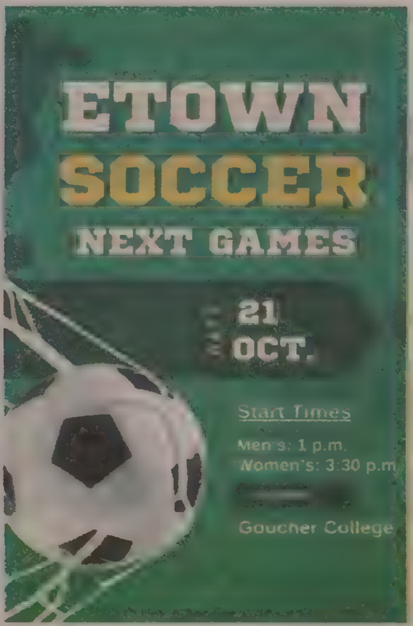
While the women's team also dominated the game, they were unable to convert and ended up tying 1-1. In the 19th minute, junior forward Marissa Vandernick beat the keeper and squared it to senior midfielder Maddie McWhinney who promptly buried it in the back of the net. Etown outshot Wilkes 13-3 in the first half, with our defense limiting Wilkes's shooting to outside the 18. The Jays had almost converted earlier as well, as senior midfielder Sydney Reich's 13th minute attempt was lasered into the left post and junior Ava Whisten's follow-up was challenged by the keeper and sent into the right post.

While Etown had much of the possession in the second half, Wilkes managed to score on a counter in the 70th minute, tying the game up. The Jays increased their press for the remainder of the second half, with Vandernick and others getting close, but they were unfortunately unable to find the back of the net, with the game ending in a 1-1 draw. The Jays domination of the game is visible in some of the stats, even though it might not be in the scoreline; Etown outshot Wilkes 17-7, with shots on goals being 7-4 and corners 5-0.

The women's team will go again on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Goucher College at 3:30 p.m. The men's team will also travel to Goucher College on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. Both teams should be able to put on another dominating performance, with the men continuing this winning run and the women's rebounding from the tie. Good luck, Jays!

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko, Etown Athletics

Etown men's and women's soccer compete this Saturday, Oct. 21 at Goucher College. Both teams are believed to display another dominating performance.



MLB Postseason: Championship Series Preview

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As all the dust settles, the stage is set for a wild end to the 2023 Major League Baseball (MLB) Postseason. Just four teams remain in the fight for this year's World Series. From the American League (AL), it will be a battle of Texas between the postseason juggernaut Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers and their star-studded batting order. From the National League (NL), it's the six-seeded Arizona Diamondbacks taking on the reigning NL champion Philadelphia Phillies.

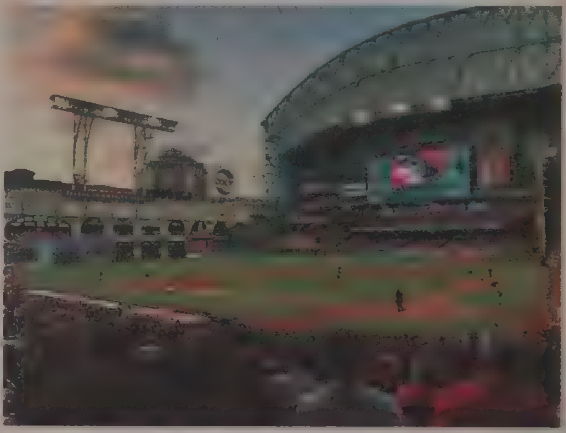
This makes it seven straight trips to the American League Championship Series (ALCS) for the Astros after taking down the Minnesota Twins. Year in and year out, Houston continues to cement its dynasty. It seems there's no stopping this team. Players like veteran second baseman José Altuve continue to prove that age is just a number, while outfielder Kyle Tucker and designated hitter Yordan Álvarez are the future of the franchise. Álvarez specifically has been the key to success this postseason. The slugger is the most feared bat in Houston's lineup, clubbing four home runs this October, and he'll likely continue that path of demolition. The Astros have the chance to go back-to-back, which would make it three World Series trophies in seven years.

Can the Rangers put an end to Houston's reign? They've been on a tear this postseason, staying undefeated, most recently upsetting the one-seeded Baltimore Orioles thanks to an offensive onslaught. From top to bottom, Texas' hitters can do it all. Whether it's drawing walks, hitting homers or simply putting the ball in the play, every batter knows how to make the opponent work. If you had to highlight one guy, it'd be the 29-year-old shortstop Corey Seager. The star is proving to be a nuisance this postseason with his bat and a stunning 11 walks in 25 plate appearances. If he can continue to do what he's doing, other hitters will continue to drive him in and they'll be a thorn in Houston's side this series.

The Phillies are back to defend their NL crown, but they're hungry for more. The Phillies fell to the Houston Astros in last year's World Series, and the script could have a chance for revenge in store. Philadelphia took down the Atlanta Braves, who carried one of the best lineups the league has ever seen. There's just something about this team that others can't match. It's an all-around talented team that plays well in crunch time. The big three of shortstop Trea Turner, outfielder Nick Castellanos and first baseman Bryce Harper have all shown up in a big way. It's safe to say the Phillies are getting their money's worth from their top guys and they're ready to bring the World Series trophy back to Philadelphia.

The Arizona Diamondbacks are baseball's Cinderella story. Sneaking into the postseason with 84 wins, they swept the two-seeded Los Angeles Dodgers and have found their rhythm at the perfect time. Like Texas, Arizona is also undefeated heading into the National League Championship Series (NLCS) and have had to fight tooth and nail for every win. On the offensive side, the team has launched 13 home runs, many of them coming in clutch situations. As for the pitching, it's been the bullpen leading the way. Headlining a deep bullpen is trade deadline acquisition, closer Paul Sewald. Sewald has yet to give up a run this postseason, earning three saves. It'll be a challenging task but look out for the Diamondbacks to ride this wave all the way to the World Series.

There's still a lot of baseball to be played, but the stage is set for another fantastic ending to the MLB season. With many favorites down and out, it'll be hard to predict this year's World Series. MLB fans will just have to sit back and watch what happens.



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This MLB season granted the Houston Astros their seventh consecutive trip to the ALCS.

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The Arizona Diamondbacks- boasting an impressive 84 wins- heads into the National League Championship Series undefeated

Video Game Review: Sekiro Shadows Die Twice

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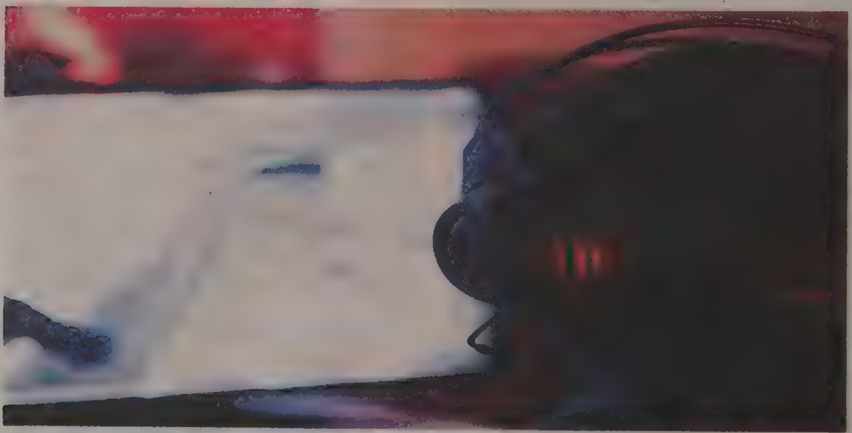
Throughout the last decade, FromSoftware titles got stuck in a fruitful yet repetitive rut. The Dark Souls trilogy and Bloodborne felt like variations on a single gameplay formula and the Souls-Like genre desired innovation. Thankfully, FromSoftware revitalized this genre with the release of Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice. The game's sword-based combat and astounding visuals combine beautifully to create a fulfilling and well-crafted gameplay experience!



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Sekiro's combat system utilizes defensive manuevers as one's method of attacks.

Sekiro stands out among FromSoftware's works by utilizing its masterful presentation to encapsulate the mythology and atmosphere of Sengoku-era Japan. The luxurious graphics beautifully show off the vibrant landscapes like the sun-kissed Mt. Kongo and Ashina's snowy plains. The music accentuates these feelings as the drums and flutes further the immersion and effortlessly suit the player's current situation. However, Sekiro's best trait does not come from its presentation.

The gameplay's combination of weapon-on-weapon duels and the posture system helps Sekiro stand out as a masterpiece. Every encounter revolves around the player's ability to inflict a deathblow on an opponent, whether this occurs by depleted health or by breaking the enemy's posture. Whereas commonplace enemies fall quicker with damage, stronger foes are best approached by shattering their defense and constantly attacking. This forces the player to act aggressively and take control of battles as the best offense comes from deflecting your opponent's attacks and straining their posture and the best defense comes from controlling the flow of battle by constantly attacking. Once one masters these elements, fights become fantastic and smooth as one balances deflecting enemy blows and striking back.

Unlike Dark Souls and Bloodborne, this gameplay system allows for an easier learning curve and a fulfilling experience. Where one's skill at a souls-like game increases due to high stats and strong equipment, one can only increase their proficiency in Sekiro's swordplay-based combat by mastering it. The player can also take more risks thanks to the main character's ability to resurrect once after death, encouraging players to act dangerously and explore without worrying about running into a strong foe. However, the finely crafted gameplay cannot alleviate the questionable design choices present in Sekiro.

For instance, the combat does little to assuage the unfair circumstances presented by the game. Encounters with the Headless and the Shichimen Warriors smother the player in insta-kill status effects and shatter any sense of balance the gameplay held previously. Other fights like Guardian Ape forgo weapon-on-weapon combat in futile attempts to innovate on the experience. Aside from various tools and items, one cannot do much to alleviate the tedium.

Sekiro also does little to encourage multiple playthroughs. While the game features several endings, they require vague and easily missed steps. Furthermore, unlike FromSoftware's other games, Sekiro only features one reliable way to approach combat. The lack of adaptability may put off players who expect this game to play similarly to other Souls-likes. Thankfully, these minor flaws do not severely impact the game's high quality.

All in all, I give Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice a 9/10 and highly recommend it for whatever price you find it at!

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Etown offers various May term study abroad programs

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Do you want to study abroad but are worried about the time, cost or traveling alone? Consider applying for one of the 2024 May term study abroad trips! Instead of studying in a foreign country for a whole semester, these programs are adventures that last from one to three weeks. They are tailored towards specific interests but are mostly open to all students, regardless of major. Academic credit may be received from a trip as well. Most importantly, these programs serve as opportunities to discover different cultures and will be unforgettable experiences.

There are many diverse options when it comes to choosing a destination. In any case, you can bet on a fantastic experience in which you will be thrust into a whole new world. Director of the English Professional Writing and First Year Writing Program Tara Moore is planning a trip to England, where students will explore the home country of some of the world's most famous authors while enjoying local food and sights. Her program also counts towards the Western Cultural Heritage core requirement.

If you are interested in human-centered programs, then maybe the trip to Vietnam is a good choice for you. About two weeks will be spent in Ho Chi Minh City and other places in Vietnam. Students will learn about the child and family welfare system in the southeast Asian nation and come to understand the life of children in orphanages. This program is typically of interest for occupational therapy and developmental psychology students.

Associate Professor of Economics Sanjay Paul is leading a trip to Switzerland and Germany. Students who travel with him will learn about the organizations that keep the world running: the United Nations, the European Union and the World Trade Organization. In Geneva, Switzerland, students will attend United Nations (UN) briefing sessions and explore the city. As well as learning about these organizations firsthand, they will also meet students from Konstanz University in Germany.

"We learn about international business and we visit corporations," Paul explained. "So students get to see a whole range of possibilities after they graduate from Etown, almost regardless of the degrees that they have." You may embark on the Switzerland trip with plans to go into international business but end up finding your love for foreign diplomacy, or vice versa.

There is a lot of work that goes into this trip, but for Paul, it is worth it to see the positive impact it has on students' lives.

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The College responds to the Israel-Hamas War

Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

President Betty Rider addressed the growing conflict between Israel and Hamas in a statement.

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In recent news, it has been almost impossible to not be exposed to information online and on the news about the Israel/Hamas conflict and the high victim toll that it has amassed in recent days.

President Joe Biden responded after visiting Israel and providing aid by further stating that "when America experienced the hell of 9/11, we felt enraged as well. While we sought and got justice, we made mistakes. So, I cautioned the government of Israel not to be blinded by rage. And here in America, let us not forget who we are. We reject all forms—all forms of hate, whether against Muslims, Jews, or anyone. That's what great nations do, and we are a great nation."

In response to this, many organizations and larger institutions have responded to the crisis.

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David Hogg headlines Etown's lecture series

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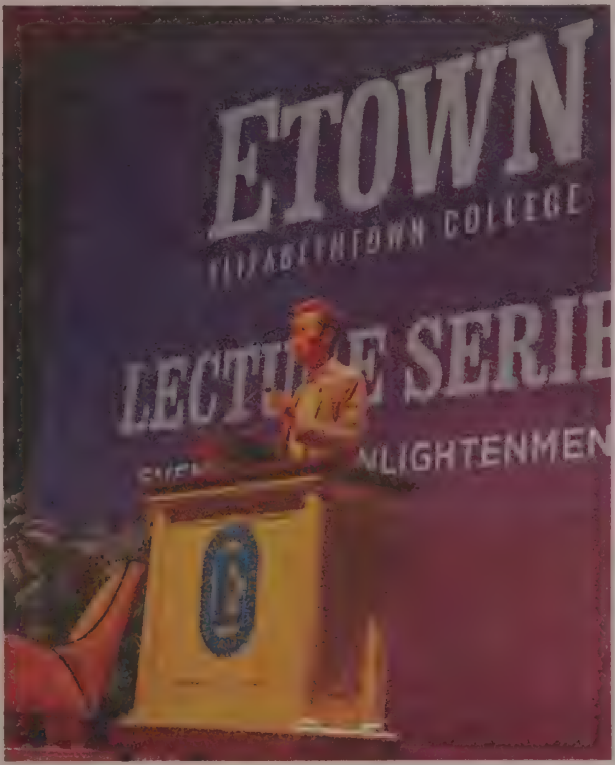
Just one day after 18 people were killed after an act of gun violence in Maine, David Hogg, who survived one of the deadliest school shootings in America, spoke to a full house at Elizabethtown College on Thursday, Oct. 26 during the College's lecture series.

Hogg was a senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fl. when a lone gunman killed 17 people with an assault rifle. He immediately began anti-gun violence advocacy work and co-founded March For Our Lives, a student-led organization that puts on protests and other events to advocate for gun control legislation. Hogg co-authored a book, "#NeverAgain," with his sister and recently created a political action committee, Leaders We Deserve, to help progressive candidates get elected.

Hogg began the day on Thursday by visiting Adjunct Professor Kristin Kurjiaka's Social Problems and The Response of Welfare Institutions class. Each week, the class dives into a new social justice issue, like gender, race and poverty. In preparation for Hogg's visit, the class had a unit on gun violence and read his book. Each student prepared a question and was able to directly ask Hogg.



Courtesy of Elizabethtown College

School shooting survivor David Hogg spoke to the the campus about ending gun violence.

"I'm extremely grateful that I was able to be in the class and create such a personal connection," sophomore Madilyn Fratis said. "Talking to somebody who has survived the tragedy of gun violence is such a better way to learn."

After his time in the class, Hogg spoke in Leffler Chapel for the lecture series. His speech was titled, "Engage in the Change: Owning Democracy and Not Living in Fear of Ending Gun Violence."

He began by telling his experience at the Parkland shooting and delved into the causes of the shooting.

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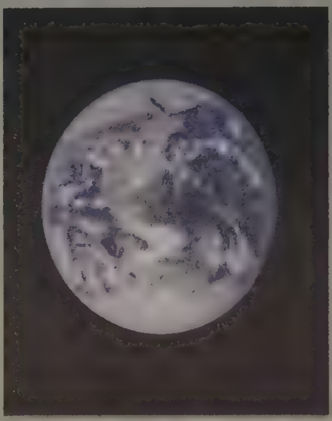
TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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2023 may end up being remembered as the year of Artificial Intelligence (AI) conversations as the history books begin to be written. We have seen conversations of all kinds, from doomsday prophesying to its use in the classroom. It's certainly a complicated issue with naysayers and proponents, and a confused public who just want to know how it's going to affect their lives.

Due to its adaptive nature and near-universal applications, governments have started taking the initiative to lead these conversations. There have been summits featuring tech leaders discussing AI such as the one that took place this June.While June's summit in San Francisco was very optimistic and ambitious in its view of AI, a business-like mindset may not be what is needed right now.

From Nov. 1-2, Britain is hosting a new summit. This one will have representatives of AI companies, political leaders and other experts. The goal here is to reach something close to an international consensus on the safe development of the software.

This initiative was started by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who wants the United Kingdom (UK) to be a leader in this new field. The first step of that was to begin the conversation.

Sunak wanted this event off the ground in six months, which some considered improbable.

"Ideally we would have had a year to prepare; we have been rushing to make this happen before the next [AI] models come," one source involved with the summit's planning said.

Sunak himself is skeptical of AI and its possible dangers. He emphasized the importance of the summit in a speech this week, warning that humanity could "lose control completely" if the issue is not given proper oversight.

We have seen this with the increasing popularity of ChatGPT, the generative AI capable of quickly replicating humanlike text and pulling information from the web.

While its applications have been numerous and many positive, experts warn of its ability to enable the spreading of misinformation or even its potential to be weaponized. The goal of the summit is for these leaders to reach a consensus and establish ground rules for the creation of "frontier AI."

It is meant to be a peaceful event, with leaders of opposing countries coming. China, a common economic rival of Western powers, has accepted Britain's invitation to attend. They're just one of around 28 countries committed to attending the summit.

The scope of the summit has grown immensely as more and more groups commit to joining. Initially it was meant to just lay ground rules and discuss national security risks but now topics will include deepfakes, healthcare and more. The hope is that these parties will come together in the interest of the world and not just their own private concerns.

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President Rider sends out a statement about the Israel-Hamas War

Elizabethtown College President Betty Rider sent out a statement to the College community on Oct. 17 stating that her "thoughts are with the victims and all who have been impacted by this conflict. My focus is on the care of our Etown College community, and those of our students, colleagues, and alumni who have personal ties to Israel, Gaza, and Palestine. The devastation and weight accompanying these incomprehensible acts leave many of us feeling helpless and overwhelmed. No one should live in fear because of their identity or religion. As a society, we must do better and support the innocent people whose lives have been uprooted in chaos."

On Oct. 12, Hillel came together and held a vigil for the people of Israel where they hoped that people would come together in support and respect in response to the conflict. The College supported this gathering by putting it on their social media platforms. In addition, they may be a good resource for those of Jewish descent and faith to feel supported on campus during this time. Antisemitism has never been supported or allowed on campus.

For Middle Eastern Culture Club, they have been trying to inform the general student body as well: "Our main goal is to spread awareness about the Palestinian side of the conflict, we do want to plan an informative meeting for anyone to join to spread awareness and also inform people on what Palestinians have gone through and are going through."

Nick Wiley, a junior political science major here at Etown said: "It breaks my heart to see the death toll increasing. We're watching an ethnic cleansing, and my thoughts go out to all the families still in Gaza. I was involved with a protest in Lancaster over the weekend calling for a ceasefire. It's important to make our voices heard so our elected officials don't casually support the atrocities going on."

Rider ends her message to the College with a statement that all students should take with them during this difficult time: "It is our mission to proactively promote our peacebuilding values. I encourage you all to work together with those values at the forefront of your dialogue to foster relationships based on honesty, integrity, and ethics."

For anyone impacted directly or indirectly by the conflict, please reach out to resources on campus as well as in the community. Counseling services are available for free to all students who wish to seek it out as well as Human Resources. The following individuals are also available:

Josh Cohen, Hillel Advisor
Nichole Gonazlez, Vice President of Student Life & Dean of Students
Darcey Mills, Director of Equity & Belonging
Reverend Amy Shorner-Johnson
Hossein Varamini, Middle Eastern Student Association Advisor

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In Pennsylvania, on odd numbered years, statewide candidates for the Pa. Superior Court, Pa.Commonwealth Court and Pa. Supreme Court appear on the ballot. Most Pa. citizens have no idea around what cases the Superior and Commonwealth Courts typically handle and have only a vague notion of the cases that have come before the state Supreme Court. The Pa. Supreme Court is the highest court in Pa. and serves a role that is quite similar to the United States Supreme Court.

The Pa. Supreme Court interprets the constitutionality of state laws and has the final say on issues appealed from the lower state courts. The Pa. Supreme Court has seven members who are each elected to ten-year terms. Justices may seek reelection and must retire when they reach the age of 75. Like U.S. Supreme Court Justices, Pa. Supreme Court Justices can only be impeached for misbehavior in office by the state legislature, which has only happened once in our state's history. Justices are allowed to hold party affiliations and currently there are four Democrats and two Republicans on the state Supreme Court. Last year, the death of Democratic Justice Max Baer created a vacancy on the court.

On the ballot this Nov. 7 are two candidates for the Pa. Superior Court and one candidate for Pa. Commonwealth Court. These are both statewide appellate courts which are second level appeals courts that each hear very different types of issues. The Superior Court handles appeals from all criminal and civil cases originating from the Court of Common Pleas. In taking on civil and criminal cases appealed in a lower court, the Superior Court operates much like the federal Circuit Courts. There are 15 Superior Court Justices in Pa. with one vacancy; it is currently comprised of seven Democrats and seven Republicans. In addition to the vacancy, Republican Justice John Bender will reach 75 this year and so his seat is also up for grabs. This means that the Nov. 7 election outcome will decide which party will have a majority of justices serving on the Superior Court.

Commonwealth Court takes on cases that are specifically brought against the state and its agencies. The Commonwealth Court is made up of nine members, currently five Republicans, three Democrats and a vacancy to be decided in the election. Like the Supreme Court, the Superior Court and Commonwealth Court both hear Constitutional questions; however, they take on a greater volume of questions than the Pa. Supreme Court does and therefore have even more sway on the direction of our state government.

At the local level, there are two lower courts operating at the county or city level: Courts of Common Pleas and Minor Courts. The 60 Courts of Common Pleas hear criminal, civil and custody trials. The Minor Courts are made up of hundreds of local Magisterial District Judges and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh municipal courts. Minor Courts are called first-level courts, as they are the first courts to hear criminal and civil complaints. Minor Court cases presented with sufficient evidence are then referred to Courts of Common Pleas for trial or disposition.

The Commonwealth Court election this year features Republican Megan Martin against Democrat Matt Wolf. Martin has a history as a parliamentarian within Pa.'s Senate and has served as an attorney for former Republican Pa. Governors Tom Ridge and Tom Corbett. Wolf has served as a justice on Philadelphia's Municipal Court since 2017 and worked as a trial attorney for over 25 years.

The Superior Court race features two Republicans, Maria Battista and Harry Smail, and two Democrats, Jill Beck and Timika Lane. Smail and Lane have both served as justices for the Court of Common Pleas while Beck has clerked for the State Supreme Court for nine years, and Battista has worked for former Governors Corbett and Wolf as well as the Department of Defense. The most important election, however, has been the election for Pa. Supreme Court. This election features Superior Court Democrat Dan McCaffery against Montgomery County Judge Republican Carolyn Carluccio.

Jeff Yass, Pa.'s richest man, and his Commonwealth Leaders Fund PAC has poured over $2.7 million into the race in support of Carluccio making it the most expensive race in history for Pa. Supreme Court. In its history, the Pa. Supreme Court has been involved in landmark decisions including abortion rights, access to mail-in voting, voter-ID laws, political redistricting and a whole host of other issues important to Pennsylvanians.

The College hosts faculty-led abroad programs

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"What I enjoy is getting to see the students experience urban life in Europe and make friends with the Konstanz students," Paul said. "It's wonderful to see how quickly they hit it off with each other."

This trip is open to students of all graduating classes. The main requirement is to take Paul's International Organizations Seminar in the spring. If finances are an issue for you, don't worry: you're not alone. Etown and other organizations provide a wide selection of scholarships to choose from.

There are five $1000 scholarship awards given out each semester. There is a scholarship for diversity, first-generation students, STEM students and two that are merit-based. A student can only be awarded one per term, but they can apply to every one that they fit into.

The Gilman Scholarship is a competitive, need-based award that can secure $5000 towards a student's study abroad plans. This award is only eligible for students who are going on the May trips to Japan or Ireland. If you are interested in applying for the Gilman Scholarship, you should reach out to the Study Abroad Office; they will review your personal essay before you submit it.

If you can't find a scholarship to apply for, there are still more ways to get the money you need. For example, you can sign up for a crowd fundraising website, such as GoFundMe or FundMyTravel, which is an easy way to potentially earn enough to fully fund a trip, especially if your post is shared on social media or with your family.

College serves as a time to explore your options. Studying abroad is an excellent way to do this: you can find your passion while exploring a foreign country. Even if you don't go for a whole semester, a May term trip can change your life.

For more information, visit Etown's study abroad page. https://www.etown.edu/offices/study-abroad/short-term-programs.aspx

Students react to the College's first lecture of the year

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Hogg also told the story of how he and his peers created March For Our Lives, including their protest in Washington, D.C.

"I haven't been able to stop thinking about the advocacy work Hogg has done so young and his call to action for the young people on campus," Fratis said. "It was just so impactful and moving."

The lecture was free for Etown students and students had to register before the event. Some professors offered extra credit as an incentive for students to go.

Hogg was met with applause after his speech and many students found the event thought-provoking.

"It was amazing to hear about how he took the horrible and traumatic experience he went through at Parkland and turned it into something that has become his greatest passion," sophomore Ellie Fasick said. "He has accomplished so much through his activism in such a short time and he is proof that young people can create change in the world."

Hogg's lecture was made possible by a gift from three donors, listed as Linda '67, H '03 and Patrick Castagna.

Future Leffler lecturers include White House Coronavirus Task Force Whistleblower Olivia Troye, CEO Daymond John and journalist Jemele Hill.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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President Joe Biden ordered two airstrikes on military facilities belonging to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps and proxies in Syria early on Friday, Oct. 27. These measures were in retaliation for recent missile and drone attacks against American forces in Syria and Iraq.

These airstrikes, carried out by two F-16 fighter jets, also intended to send a warning message to Iran. According to Reuters, American and coalition troops were attacked almost 20 times by Iran-backed forces in the region over the past week. Some U.S. soldiers were injured, with the majority of the individuals suffering traumatic brain injuries.

"The United States does not seek conflict and has no intention nor desire to engage in further hostilities, but these Iranian-backed attacks against U.S. forces are unacceptable and must stop," U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said in a statement.

However, just hours after the airstrikes, proxy forces fought back and launched drone attacks on American troops in western Iraq, according to the New York Times. U.S. air defenses shot down the drone near the Al-Asad Airbase. There are no reported injuries or damage.

The American airstrikes came just a day after Iran's foreign minister threatened in a speech to the United Nations (U.N.) that the U.S. "will not be spared" if Israel does not stop its defense efforts against Hamas in Gaza. However, a senior defense official said that the U.S. did not coordinate its airstrikes with Israel's military.

"We have always supported peace and security, but today in New York and the United Nations, I say frankly to the American statesmen who are now managing the genocide in Palestine that we do not welcome an expansion of the war in the region," Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said in his speech.

Amir-Abdollahian also claimed that a "genocide" and "forced displacement of people" is taking place in Gaza. His statements implicitly place blame on the U.S. for the continuation of the war between Israel and Hamas.

Countering Iran's accusations of Israeli aggression, the Wall Street Journal reported that Hamas fighters trained in Iran in the weeks leading to the Oct. 7 surprise attack on Israel. In September, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad engaged in military exercises led by officers in the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. These actions demonstrate Iran's hostility against Israel and, by association, against the U.S.

Both the U.N. speech and airstrikes raise concerns that the war between Israel and Hamas will draw in additional states, resurging instability in the Middle East. However, the right to protect American troops and interests prompted U.S. airstrikes and its defense of Israel.

The U.S. has sent 900 troops to the Middle East amid the growing conflict in Gaza, and it is unknown if more will be deployed as tensions between America and Iran continue to escalate.

Business Buzz

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It has been 21 days since the war between Israel and Palestine began, and almost a year and a half since the war in Ukraine reached its boiling point. Since then, we have seen the power struggle between the three main powerhouses on the global stage. The U.S., Russia and China have begun moving their pieces strategically across the board trying to defend their allies, or to take control of a different square. These moves can include many different strategies: new economic trade deals, diplomatic and cultural exchanges between these countries.

Since the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has been on a search for new ties with different countries. They are involved in BRICS, the eastern version of NATO, where they have begun surpassing the West recently. They are aligned with Brazil, India, China and South Africa, some of the world's fastest growing economies, and Russia has begun linking their goals with these key players, especially with China. Russia and China have just renegotiated and resigned a trade deal regarding oil, enriching China's banks and Russia in the process. The trade between these two countries has grown to 40% during Russia's invasion, but it doesn't remain there. Iran has been a quiet ally of Russia for years, and according to different sources, they have been accepting Russian money for years. Though with Iran's backing as Russia invaded Ukraine, a strange correlation occurred where Hamas ramped up the hostilities on the Israel border. Russian allies and Russia itself have found themselves in a peculiar position, forging this new alliance into an unbreakable bond.

The U.S. has been reorganizing their partnerships and has been finding new ways of increasing friendship between themselves and other foreign players. The U.S. has seen an increase in reliance from its European allies since the invasion of Ukraine and now the need to find a way to defend Israel from the Palestinian counterattacks. The U.S. and Chinese economic ties have now become testy since the start of the Israel-Palestinian conflict and the knowledge of China stealing tech and using it to spy on the U.S. Furthermore, Russian and the U.S. relations have become one of tariffs and accusing each other's, and their respective friends, out in International Councils. With the China and Russian relationship growing, the U.S has had to look elsewhere to find possible allies, such as India. India, like other countries, finds a prospective deeper friendship with America economically and globally enticing. Though America seems to be focusing on maintaining their current alliances, and has made no efforts of expanding, but more of isolation.

China has now begun flying their jets over our and our allie's air territory. With their recent rise to becoming the competing superpower in the global political game, China has been backing their fellow BRICS member Russia now for several years and has been a known Palestinian ally since the 1960s. Currently, they have begun to renegotiate trade terms with many Middle Eastern and African countries and Argentina has now entered into the conversation. This would give China priority regarding oil shipment, and most importantly in regard to foreign politics when it comes to America and her allies. The one thing all these countries have in common is they all do not like America and view the West as something that is harming their countries. BRICS say that they will represent the voice for emerging countries everywhere, as China begins moving her Navy and Airforce into American allies' territory. China knows that at some point America must respond to several of these different acts, but they also know that they have the strategic advantage of working decades to make one of the world's biggest armies. They are now just waiting for the U.S to make a move.

Educate for Service recipients announced at Leffler Lecture

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The 2023-24 Educate for Service was awarded to Janice Holsinger '64 and John Holsinger '65 at the Institution's annual Leffler Lecture.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, Elizabethtown College celebrated its annual Educate for Service Award. For the 2023-24 academic year, this award was attributed to Janice Holsinger '64 and John Holsinger '65 P'84 P'85 at the Institution's annual Leffler Lecture.

The award given to the Holsingers is the most eminent honor bestowed to alumni from the College and the Elizabethtown College Alumni Association. The Holsingers had the opportunity to present a touching video for the opening of the lecture event. The presentation overlooked their history and journey together, the goals they have and how they were able to achieve them.

The Holsingers met when they were about 15 years old, and when John realized that Janice was going to Etown, he decided to do the same before someone else in college decided to sweep her off her feet. From both of their hard work and ambition, they were able to make their dreams come true. Later, the pair raised an estimated 2 million dollars that was donated to the College to aid in improving the institution.

"Janice and John's commitment to Elizabethtown College has been profound and displayed in so many ways," College President Betty Rider said. "They are dedicated Blue Jays and continue to model our College's Educate for Service mission in all that they do."

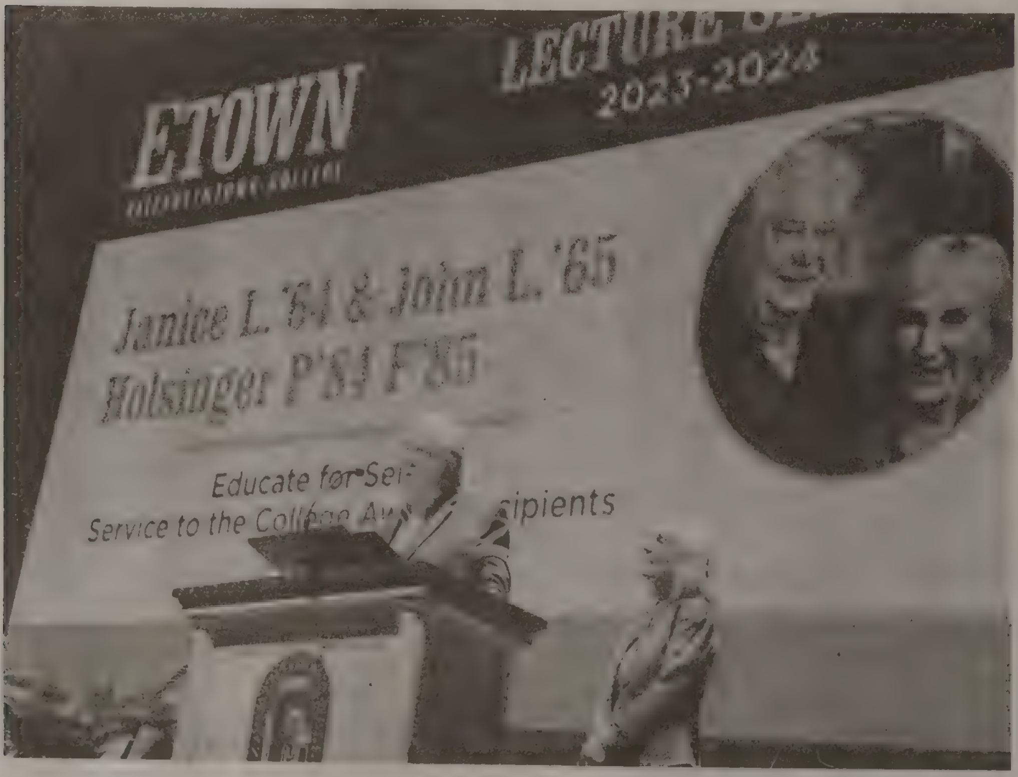
Offered annually since 1966, the Educate for Service awards honor Etown graduates who embody the spirit and legacy of education. These awards, which are based on the College's Educate for Service philosophy and are organized by the Alumni Council, are divided into three categories: Service Through Professional Achievement, Service to Humanity and Service to the College.

The Holsingers have made a career out of helping others. Janice developed the first U-GRO Learning Center in Palmyra, Pa. in 1973, with the goal of incorporating her experience in music and art into a good educational program for young children. She established a community of interested parents and children at U-GRO by collaborating with a local church and instructors who shared her enthusiasm for assisting youth in growing and developing into brilliant scholars.

John Holsinger has worked with management teams in consumer sales and marketing for ACME Markets, Inc., Altria Group, Inc., Proctor & Gamble and Spectrum Industries. After retiring in 2003, he founded JLH Enterprise, a real estate management company that owned and operated multiple U-GRO Learning Centers. He has headed the community's point football teams and worked on the parks and recreation commissions in his neighborhood.

The Holsingers headed the Steering Committee for the Be More Inspired Young Center Campaign and have been major supporters of both capital and scholarship-based programs at the College. They also founded, hosted and coordinated the Brethren Heritage Festival, a Homecoming and Family Weekend event held at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies each year.

Service Through Professional Achievement and Service to Humanity winners will be acknowledged and celebrated during the forthcoming High Center Forum on March 27 and Ware Lecture on April 11.



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The Holsingers have made a career out of helping others, donating an amout of 2 million dollars to the College.

Scan the QR Code to watch a video of the kick-off for the Holsingers' presentation.

Ujima Dialogue Series discusses women's rights, masculinity

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Teddy Bazyer and Darrel Mingle hosted the Ujima Dialogue Series discussing women's rights and masculinity.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the McCormick classroom of the High Library, two students gave presentations on issues close to them. Teddy Bazyer discussed women's rights in the Middle East and Darrel Mingle discussed media portrayal of men and their societal consequences.

In Iran, there are strict rules against women showing their bodies, singing or dancing in public, riding a motorcycle, reserving a hotel without a husband or father's permission and many more.

On Sept. 16, 2022, a young woman named Mahsa Aminni, who was arrested for wearing a hijab loosely, died in police custody. Her death sparked protests all across Iran and eventually across the globe. After Amnini's funeral, women ripped off their headscarves in solidarity. In protest, women cut their hair and burned hijabs.

To this day, protestors are continuing to fight for their rights. Bazyer said that she even attended several of them herself. But protesting carries a high risk as many peaceful protesters in Iran are arrested using unlawful force, tortured and even executed. Many women who were arrested are raped as punishment. In the midst of this human rights violation, the UN was called upon to help with no avail. As Bazyer puts it, the UN might have well said, "it's not our problem, you're on your own."

Bazyer proceeded to show us a slide with images of women of all ages who had been arrested or killed for not wearing a hijab. The age range of these women was from 3 to 88 years old; this slide was only a handful. This is a relatively common occurrence as Bazyer put it, remarking that even her extended cousin was killed as a result of not wearing a hijab. Bazyer closed the presentation by talking about what we can do. She said we need to stand in solidarity with the people in Iran who continue to demand equality and an end to decades of oppression despite the risks. She said to also use social media to let the Islamic Republic know that we will never forget.

Mingle began his presentation by telling us about Geralt of Riveria, a fictional character from the series, "The Witcher." Geralt is shunned by society, not because of who he is, but what he is. No one tries to understand him as a person, they only recognize him for the job he's there to do.

Mingle leds into the idea of "old school" men. He gave examples of James Bond and Rocky. These are characters that are seen as "macho men" and "ladies men." They want to be the biggest, strongest and fastest and they don't really talk about much else. These "men on a mission" often default to violence in the midst of a problem and are either chasing a goal or a girl.

Then, the presentation broadened into male stereotypes in the media in general, where Mingle broke it down. First, we have the "joker" who uses jokes as a way to hide emotions instead of truly confronting them. Next, we have "jocks," who cannot show weakness and often resort to violence when problems occur. Then, we have the "strong but silent" types who bottle up emotions. "Big shots" are men who are mainly concerned with getting money and material things. Then, there's the "action hero" who solves all issues through violence and doesn't take a second to truly think things through.

Mingle believes we need better representation of men for young boys. He goes on to talk about a character who had a positive impression on him as a kid. It was a character from the Percy Jackson series named Nico di Angelo who was plagued with many bad circumstances at a young age, and while his first thought was to be aggressive and abrasive, he grows through the series to find peace, healing and love, ideas which resonated with Mingle.

Going back to Geralt of Riveria, Mingle believes he portrays a lot of men in our society. Geralt has a rough exterior, but he is deeply emotional inside, has a lot of love to give and a lot of sadness that he hasn't truly dealt with and that comes back to bite him later on. Mingle says this is a perfect representation of what is wrong with men in our society. Many of them don't know how to deal with emotions or properly talk about them so they hide it instead.

Mingle closed the presentation by asking what it means to be a man. "Whatever you want," he said, pushing men to embrace their individuality. "It's all about being in tune with yourself and not locking away parts of who you are behind what you think society wants from you…at the end of the day, being a man is being comfortable with yourself."

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> ***~Darrel Mingle***

Journaling workshop teaches students the benefits of journaling

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The Journaling Workshop, held Thursday Oct. 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being multimedia classroom 221, was an opportunity for students to be exposed to the benefits journaling provides. The Journaling Workshop was led by Caelyn King, a senior student at Elizabethtown College, who is graduating in December with an integrated studies major; she is studying a combination of psychology and communications.

King is using this Journaling Workshop to complete her capstone research requirement for the integrated studies major. The Journaling Workshop is a four week long workshop, which started Oct. 26, and has a meeting the following three Thursdays: Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. Each workshop will be held in the same classroom—Bowers Center multimedia classroom 221—at the same time slot (7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). King will be the sole leader at all of these workshops.

The Journaling Workshop was composed of a presentation by King followed by a time for writing and then a reflection and discussion period. Her presentation for this first workshop was centered around the benefits of journaling and a beginner's guide of how to journal. King's presentation highlighted that the mental health benefit to journaling is using it as a tool to help express one's emotions.

Journaling also has academic benefits: it helps students track their academic process, to brainstorm practical solutions and to help themselves by setting themselves up for success. Both the mental and academic benefits journaling provides highlight the uniqueness of this stress relieving technique. In her opening presentation, King also shared how she became exposed to journaling.

Journaling
Workshop

Photo courtesy of Anslee Gerhardt

The journaling workshop was led by Caelyn King, a senior psychology and communications student at Elizabethtown College, and was aimed towards helping students learn the best practices of journaling.

King took Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology Program Director and associate professor of psychology Elizabeth Dalton's Psychology of Stress class where she learned about journaling, its benefits and the theories and research which supports journaling as a stress relieving technique.

After King's presentation about the benefits of journaling, she explained how exactly one does the act of journaling. Journaling deals with stream of conscious writing: writing down whatever comes to mind and being honest with oneself in their journal writing. These introductory instructions allowed the audience to understand what they need to do to be successful with journaling to reap the benefits.

A prompt was then given in which the participants had fifteen minutes to respond in their own journals. Paper and pens were provided for those who did not have any, so everyone was able to participate in the exercise. The prompt for this Journaling Workshop was "identify a recent stressor or challenges you are facing and describe possible solutions or steps to overcome it."

The fourteen people in attendance for this opening workshop took the fifteen minutes given to reflect on this prompt and write their responses in their journal/on their piece of paper.

The calm atmosphere King provided enabled the participants to feel comfortable and engaged with the presentation and prompt. There was then a group discussion at the end of the workshop where those who felt comfortable were able to share what they wrote in their journal in response to the prompt given.

This Journaling Workshops provides Etown students with an opportunity to set aside some time to think and reflect on their goals, aspirations and how they can problem solve in the future. In only an hour, attendants can learn the benefits of journaling as well as engage in a journal prompt to practice this skill. This workshop is also a great place to meet someone new who is also interested in the rewarding act of journaling. If you have a Thursday night free, do not be afraid to jump out to this student-run workshop which helps King reach her capstone requirements while also providing the opportunity to learn a new skill!

Journaling
Workshop

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The workshop has been taking place at the Bowers Center multimedia classroom 221 for four consecutive weeks from 7p.m to 8pm to give many options for students to attend and learn about journaling.

What song from the '1989 (Taylor's Version)' album are you?

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There's almost nothing more exciting than when Taylor Swift releases a new album, and there's something special about the release of her re-records with their extra vault songs. Way back in 2014, when Swift originally released "1989," I was in seventh grade, dealing with all of my thirteen-year-old angst. When I listened to "1989 (Taylor's Version)" at midnight on Oct. 27, I felt transported back to that time of riding the bus and listening to it on my iPod touch. For this edition of the Horoscope, let's find out what song from "1989 (Taylor's Version)" you are based on your zodiac sign. As always, don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising for the most well-rounded reading!

Aries- Perhaps one of the best things about you is your unyielding ambition. You jump into some projects, and this means that you can learn your lessons the hard way. This is why I think that you are "Wonderland (Taylor's Version)."

Taurus- You work hard to get where you are, and you're usually extremely proud of that fact. However, sometimes, it can be nice to know that the 'hard' part is acknowledged. Your song is "Clean (Taylor's Version)."

Gemini- At your core, Gemini, you're an extrovert. If someone looked up the definition of 'people-person' in the dictionary, they would see a picture of your face. You're only happy when you're surrounded by your best friends. Thus, your song is "New Romantics (Taylor's Version)."

Cancer- Some might say that you rarely have conflict in your life, Cancer, but the truth is that you just avoid it. Your song is "Is It Over Now? (Taylor's Version) (From the Vault)." This track may have been in the vault for nearly a decade, but it's making a big impact, just like you.

Leo- Out of all the signs, you're the one with the strongest desire to stand out, Leo. It only makes sense, then, that your song is the one that put "1989" on the map: "Blank Space (Taylor's Version)." Your love for the dramatics definitely fits this iconic music video.

Virgo- You strive for perfection always, even if you know it's not possible. You still hope for the best though. This is why your song is "Wildest Dreams (Taylor's Version)." And like how you put your heart into everything, the beat of the song is based off of Swift's heartbeat.

Libra- You love harmony, in your life and the ones present in songs, so your track is "This Love (Taylor's Version)." Let this song soothe you to sleep next time you're having a conflict and remember that everything will work out, just like the song tells us.

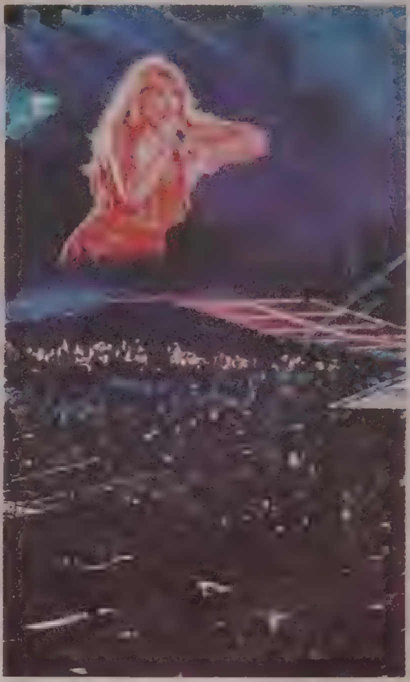
Scorpio- It's known that when you cut ties with someone, they're out of your life, Scorpio. However, this doesn't mean that you don't keep tabs on the people you were once close to. Your song is, fittingly, "Now That We Don't Talk (Taylor's Version) (From the Vault)."

Sagittarius- You bounce from one project to the next, Sagittarius, and you always have a story to tell. You have a quench for knowledge that refuses to be satiated. The song you should play during your next study session is "Style (Taylor's Version)."

Capricorn- There's very few things in life that aren't on your bucket list, Capricorn. You want to have your cake and eat it too, and there's no doubt that you can do it. The song that best encapsulates you is "Welcome to New York (Taylor's Version)."

Aquarius- Your dream is to break out of the cage society has built for you and so your track is "Shake It Off (Taylor's Version)." This lead single is the one that cemented Swift's move from country star to pop princess, and I bet you can appreciate that change.

Pisces- You're a hopeless romantic, dear Pisces, and you often fantasize about those situations that, let's be honest, aren't going to happen. Still, your manifesting powers are unmatched. Therefore, your track is "How You Get The Girl (Taylor's Version)."



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Which re-released 1989 song are you? Read to find out!

Activity Review

Bring some friends and experience all four thrilling haunted house and hayride attractions at Field of Screams

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With Halloween coming to an end, I decided that going to a haunted house would be the perfect spooky season activity. I went to the notorious haunted attraction Field of Screams, located in Mountville, Pa., which will remain open until Nov. 11 . This attraction opens around 6:30 p.m. and all visitors must arrive by 9:00 p.m. since that is when the on-site ticket booth closes. Ticket prices for all four attractions are around $40, but if you decided to go on Nov. 10, the extreme blackout event, the price is $50 and the intensity of the attractions are increased. According to the official website, the blackout night is not recommended for those under the age of 18 years old. Field of Screams also has various events throughout the year for the different holidays.

This year, I went with two of my friends on Oct. 27, one of the busiest nights of the season. We preordered our tickets for the 7:00 p.m. time slot so we could go directly to the attractions. The first attraction that we did was the Nocturnal Wasteland. The Nocturnal Wasteland is an outdoor section where you walk through the woods and various structures. The main theme of this section is that there has been an apocalypse, and now, there are mutants and wild men that terrorize the land. In this section, you will see a lot of animatronics, live actors and even pyrotechnics.

The next section that we decided to go to was the Haunted Hayride. This has always been my favorite part of the Field of Screams experience because there are so many different themes in one small section. While waiting in the line to get onto the wagon, there was a DJ booth that played various types of music, and it tended to get very loud at times; however, the line did move relatively fast in this section due to the amount of people that can fit into the wagon at the same time. During the hayride, I also noticed that they added a new section since last year.

Once we finished with the hayride, we decided to get a quick snack and drink before getting in line for the next section. Out of the various little places for food and drink, we decided on going to Auntie Anne's to get some pretzels and lemonade. The prices were quite high, but we were okay with paying for it since we were getting a bit hungry and thirsty at this point. After we got our snacks and drinks, we got in line to wait for the Asylum attraction.

The Asylum attraction took quite a while to get into since they only allow small groups to enter at once. Because they know that this attraction is relatively small and can only have small sections enter at a time, there is a platform near the queue that workers will go up on and do fire performances. In the Asylum section, you go up and down the four floors of the building where the storyline is that you are exploring an abandoned asylum for the criminally insane where some of the doctors and patients remain, waiting for more people to enter so that they can continue their experiments.

Finally, we went to the Den of Darkness section of Field of Screams. In this section, you explore the three-story building where the storyline is that the farmhouse's ownership was passed to multiple people, each continuing the legacy of torture and murder that the original family started there. The line for this section was relatively short and moved decently fast.

Overall, I recommend going to Field of Screams if you are a fan of horror and like to go out for the Halloween season.

FIELD OF SCREAMS

Photo courtesy of Lux Hileman

End spooky season right by getting in one last fright at Field of Screams.

Business Review

Relax and enjoy a hot drink downtown at Folklore Coffee

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Let's face it: we all love a warm, aesthetic café to study, read or simply escape from the chaos of campus. Soft lighting, quiet conversations and mouthwatering smells of rich espresso fill the air, making it the perfect place to relax and unwind. It's as if you walked straight into a beautifully written Taylor Swift song. You think to yourself, where could I find such an idyllic spot?

Only a five minute drive—or even a short walk—from campus sits Folklore Coffee and Company. Located in the heart of downtown Elizabethtown, Folklore Coffee is an especially popular spot for students. The picturesque café is right across the street from the Elizabethtown, Pa. sign, welcoming visitors into town. A delectable assortment of pastries lines the front counter as you walk in, their distinct aromas filling the air with sweetness. My personal favorite is the thickly sliced coffee cake. The cake's buttery crumb layered with cinnamon sugar makes it the perfect addition to any coffee or tea.

I was first introduced to Folklore on one of the best days of the year: Jay Walk. A couple weeks later, after the stress of classes had commenced, I returned with a good friend on a chilly Friday afternoon. We walked inside and immediately noticed their fall flavors had been released. And if you know me, you know I cannot pass up a good cinnamon or pumpkin spice latte.

However, after exploring the menu, I decided to try something new and somewhat unlike my usual style of drink. I ordered the spiced apple cider, along with a big slice of coffee cake, of course. The warm spiced cider is made from locally grown apples from the Masonic Village. It is packed with flavor, a perfect mixture of tart and sweet. Each steaming mug of comfort is topped with frothy foam and a hearty dash of cinnamon.

The café becomes especially crowded on the weekends. If you do decide to make a trip, make sure to get there early enough to get a good table, preferably by the window! The downtown streets are decorated for fall with pumpkins and hay bales; this time of year is perfect for grabbing a cappuccino or mug of cider and cozying up with a good book.

Students love heading down to Folklore Coffee for a break in between classes or on the weekends. First-year student Riley Hennelly recalls how welcoming the environment of Folklore Coffee felt. She stated, "I sat right by the window, which was a perfect spot for a rainy day." Hennelly ordered the s'mores frappuccino, an interesting twist of flavor on the cold beverage.

If you tend to prefer winter flavors over fall, don't worry–these are sure to be released within the next few weeks as the weather starts to get cooler. Personally, I'm hoping for the classic peppermint or even white chocolate mocha flavors.

So, next time you make a trip to lovely downtown Elizabethtown, be sure to treat yourself to a tasty sweet and drink at Folklore Coffee and Company.

Photo courtesy of Kate Wellons

Head on over to Folklore Coffee and Company to try their unique food and drink options.

Elizabethtown College History Fact

A Locating Committee with the purpose of finding a location for the college was established on 20 April 1899. The committee met in Roanoke Virginia to vote on the location of the college from the four options of Ephrata, Elizabethtown, Mountville, and Pottstown.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on Samuel H. Hertzler by Gina Bongiovanni and Josh Albin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2023

Nov. 3: Fall Drinks Demo

Nov. 3-4: Jay Fest

Nov. 4: RecWell Boxing Fitness Class

Nov. 6: CGUP Film Screening

Nov. 6: Student Solo Recital

Nov. 7: Tik Tok Food Trends Demo

Nov. 8: OE Vendor Fair

Nov. 8: Photography Club Meeting

Nov. 9: Weekly Japanease Language Table

Nov. 9: Parents as Teachers Learning Series

Nov. 9: EWT Demo Kitchen Event

Nov. 9: Journaling Workshop

Nov. 9: Snowden Lecture: Dr. Philip Asura Nggada

Nov. 9: Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation

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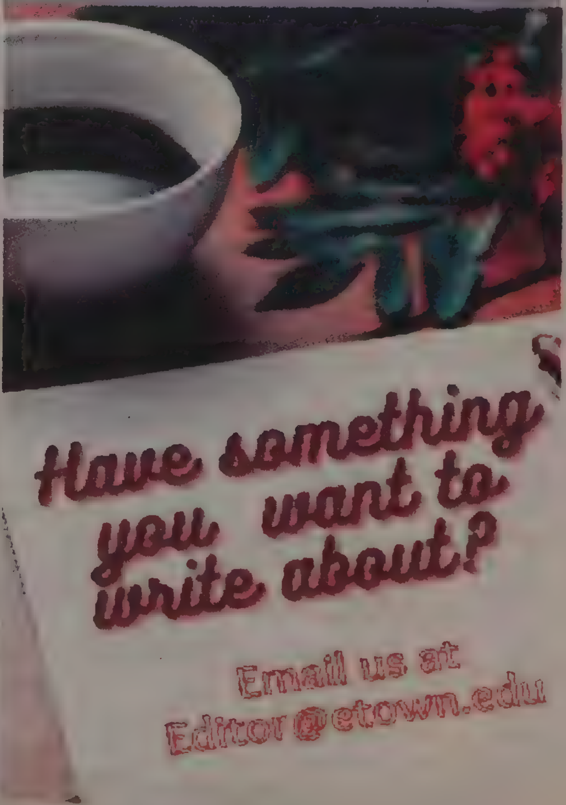

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Club Feature

Learn about how the Etown Kindness Project is spreading a positive message across Etown's campus and beyond

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If you're ever feeling stressed or down, look to the Etown Kindness project for some words of encouragement! Starting Nov. 7, there will be biweekly meetings at 7 p.m. held in Nicarry Hall 228, during which all students are welcome to attend and take part in the club's activities.

The club was founded by second-year occupational therapy major Rose Lasso in the spring of 2023. "Last year, I was a freshman and I was struggling with my mental health," she said. "I decided to start making posters on Canva to then post on social media to bring a smile to people's faces."

Lasso also decided to print out the posters and hang them in the women's restrooms, where students and staff could appreciate the words of affirmation. "I started getting messages on Instagram asking to join my club," she said. "It wasn't even a club yet, it was just me, so I decided I should make it into a club."

Despite her passion, Lasso faced some difficulty in getting the club started. "Creating the club was a challenge because I was a freshman and had no idea how to even go about it," she said. "Luckily, I had many people who were willing to answer any and all questions I had when creating my club."

Since then, the Etown Kindness Project has already hosted several events, all with the intention of helping the attendees or others around campus. This year, the club has successfully led a few activities, including teaching members how to make vision boards, making friendship bracelets that were sold at homecoming and working with The Confetti Foundation to make birthday cards for children in the hospital to brighten their days. The club's next meeting will bring students together for a fun Thanksgiving craft.

Last year, the club hosted a variety of other events, including making cards for nursing home residents, cancer patients and veterans as well as cards containing inspirational messages for every student, which returning students would have seen if they checked their mailbox during finals week at the end of the spring semester.

The Etown Kindness Project now has about 20 members and is advised by Associate Dean of Students for Student Success Stephanie Rankin. It's led by Lasso as the president, along with second-year vice president Hanna Tran, second-year secretary Becca Scher and second-year treasurer Ariel Abbott.

Kaleigh Gebhardt, a first-year student and member of the club, explained that the vision board activity was her favorite so far. "My vision board focused on strength," she said. "I wrote quotes around my paper that were motivating and made a collage of different pictures and scraps from magazines."

Gebhardt added that she joined the club because it helps to make other people happy. "I like that the club strives to spread kindness throughout the entire Etown campus," she said. For her, the club meetings have been "a relaxing time to talk with others, support Etown's campus and feel good" about herself.

Scher seconded the sentiment. "I like getting to spread kindness and help people just be happy for a little bit without having to worry about their classes," she said.

Although it was founded fairly recently, the club already boasts three awards, which include the Outstanding Engagement Award, the Outstanding Student Club award and the Center for Community and Civic Engagement 2023 Club Community Service Award.

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The Etown Kindness Project made friendship bracelets at one of their meetings to sell at their homecoming table.

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What is a vampire's favorite fruit?

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Debate of the Week

Best seasonal flavor: peppermint mocha or pumpkin spice?

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With 8 a.m. classes, daily sports practices and a variety of student jobs, many Elizabethtown College students consume caffeine as part of their daily fuel. With coffee especially, pumpkin spice lattes have been a huge hit; however, another seasonal drink will soon make an appearance: the peppermint mocha. The question is: which seasonal drink is better?

Starbucks' signature pumpkin spice lattes are an autumnal classic. Available every August through the winter season, this drink is the perfect start to a crisp, cozy fall. With whipped cream, pumpkin purée and seasonal spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves, pumpkin spice lattes encapture the comfort of autumn in their sweet, vibrant flavor.

In addition to their flavor, pumpkin spice lattes encapsulate the smell of fall perfectly. "I don't drink coffee, but I love the smell of pumpkin spice," first-year Jillian Spiller said. "The scent smells sweet and cinnamon-like. It makes a perfect scent for this time of year."

On the other hand, peppermint mochas offer their own special charm. Made of a delicious blend of espresso, peppermint syrup, whipped cream and dark chocolate curls, peppermint mochas are as festive as it gets. As it becomes colder outside, this drink is the perfect companion for those looking to be warm and cozy.

"I think it's more of a universal flavor," first-year Lindy Stoner said. "Who doesn't like chocolate and peppermint?"

While pumpkin spice is delicious to some, it's not everyone's cup of tea. Some students prefer peppermint mochas. However, peppermint mochas have their downsides. Some may find them too sweet, while others find they don't have enough flavor.

Both sides present a valid argument–in my opinion, both pumpkin spice lattes and peppermint mochas are wonderful Starbucks drinks. At the end of the day, though, only one drink can triumph over the other. After careful evaluation, I was able to choose a favorite.

Personally, I found it difficult to decide between these drinks because I love pumpkin spice and peppermint mocha. I enjoy both around the holidays, pumpkin spice for its vibrant flavor and peppermint mocha for its hot chocolate-like essence. However, if I had to pick a favorite, I would choose pumpkin spice lattes. Fall is my favorite season, and pumpkin spice lattes are autumnal in nature. I also find peppermint mochas to be too sweet sometimes; although I would choose a peppermint mocha over a pumpkin spice latte on a cold, snowy winter day.

STARBUCKS STAR

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Peppermint mocha and pumpkin spice both have their dedicated fans, but which do you prefer?

Recipe Review

Combine two classic foods with this simple recipe

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As the semester becomes busier and busier, a meal that's quick and easy to make is essential. That's why quesadillas are such a great recipe for a quick bite as the semester winds down towards finals. So this week, we're sharing a fun twist on the classic quesadilla: the pizzadilla!

To start, gather your ingredients. We used shredded cheddar, shredded mozzarella, pepperoni slices, small flour tortillas and marinara sauce. However, feel free to use different cheeses like pepper jack, monterey jack or a cheese blend, different meats or other toppings in your rendition of the pizzadilla. We bought everything we used at Giant, though the Marketplace generally has shredded cheese and pepperoni available.

For crispier tortillas, we warmed them in the microwave for about a minute before starting, though spreading a thin layer of butter may also help. Then, lay down one of the flour tortillas on a microwave-safe plate, preferably one that can be easily cleaned and will not cause the cheese to stick. Spread about a quarter cup of the shredded cheddar over the tortilla, then place the pepperoni slices on top. We used six, but you can use more or less depending on your tastes. Then, spread about a quarter cup of the shredded mozzarella over the pepperoni. Alternatively, you can mix the cheeses together and add the pepperoni after.

Place a second tortilla on top. Microwave the pizzadilla for 30 seconds before flipping it and microwaving for another 30 seconds. We found that cooking it for slightly longer helped the cheese to melt more. Cut the pizzadilla into fourths and dip it in the marinara sauce. Enjoy!

For some variety, you can dip it in sour cream instead of the marinara sauce or add a host of other toppings you enjoy, including both quesadilla and pizza toppings. My friend also tried dipping it in guacamole but found it didn't pair well with the pepperoni. They tried another using bell pepper pieces from the Marketplace, but you could use banana peppers or others.

I'm a bit of a picky eater, so I didn't add too many adventurous toppings, but black olives, red onions, mushrooms or even pineapple might work well as additions.

This recipe can get a little messy from the melted cheese, so make sure if you're using a microwave in one of the common spaces such as a residence hall lobby or the Jay's Nest, wipe it down when you're finished.

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Pizzadillas can be made in a snap for a quick bite and topped with plenty of great ingredients.

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SPORTS

Men's and Women's Swim Teams dominate over Hallow-weekend

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The Elizabethtown College Swim Teams continue their impressive winning streaks by achieving several victories against Susquehanna University.

This Saturday, Oct. 28, both Elizabethtown College men's and women's swim teams beat Susquehanna University in their Hallo-weekend duel, 133-79 and 110-104 respectively. The teams are now both 3-0 overall and 2-0 within the Landmark Conference, having also beaten Immaculata University and Goucher College. The Jays will battle Cabrini University this coming Saturday, Nov. 4, where they'll hopefully keep their winning streak going.

The men's team put on a dominating performance this Saturday. The meet began with excitement with Etown winning the 200-medley relay 1:40.30 to 1:40.64, with senior Dylan Fitzgerald, Connor Oswald, sophomore Austin Smith and junior AJ West clocking in that narrow win. Sophomore Leif Hoffman won the 1000 freestyle with a time of 10:32.77. In the 200 freestyle, West took second and Fitzgerald took third. Smith won the 50 freestyle at 22.91 with junior Liam Quick taking third.

In the 200 Individual Medley, Hoffman racked up another first place win with a time of 2:08.17. Etown continued to dominate the meet, with Smith coming in first and West coming in second in the 100 butterfly. Junior Franky Swain won Etown another first place with a time of 57.41 in the 100 backstroke; Fitzgerald added on to this win, coming in third. Hoffman snagged first place in the 500 freestyle at 5:09.91; juniors Joshua McQueen and Robert Midura finished second and third, coming in at 5:31.13 and 5:42.63 respectively.

The Jays took first and second in the 100 breaststroke, with Oswald taking first at 1:63.02 and senior Alex Waskiewicz coming in second at 1:04.05.

The results of the women's side ended up coming down to the final relay of the day. The meet started with our Jays: senior Maddey Brelsford, sophomore Kortny Green, first-year Megan Benson and senior Sarah Marston, taking second in the 200-medley relay at 2:01.62. Sophomore Hailey Poulus and first-year Katie Midura took first and second place in the 1000 freestyle, swimming an 11:51.71 and a 12:13.84 respectively. Sophomore Kaylee Blair won the 200 freestyle for the Jays at 2:03.05. Marston won the 50 freestyle with junior Gracie Harding taking third. Harding went on to win the 100 freestyle at 58.22 followed by junior Olivia Hillman in third.

In the 100 backstroke, Brelsford and sophomore Emma Sabalaske took second and third. Blair added another first place to the Jays scoring, swimming a 5:32.43 in the 500 freestyle. Sabalaske and Green snagged another 2-3 finish for the Jays in the 100 breaststroke, swimming a 1:13.44 and a 1:13.48. Hillman, Blair, Harding and Marston came through in the final relay, winning the 400 freestyle at 3:49.14, beating out their opponents by seven seconds.

As a whole, it was a successful weekend for the Jays as they continued to boost their record, both overall and in conference. Hopefully, they take this win and carry the good vibes onwards as they face Cabrini on the 4th; this will be a tri-meet for the girls' side. Go Jays!

Blue Jays secure playoff berth in regular season finale

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's soccer teams wrote the final chapter of their 2023 regular seasons on Saturday, Oct. 28 at home in Elizabethtown, Pa. on Ira R. Herr Field.

The men's team opened the day at 1 p.m., and once the game wrapped up, the scoreboard still read 0-0. Very little happened on the offensive end, as both goalkeepers recorded a clean sheet. Etown's graduate student goalkeeper Kelvin Del Cid recorded five saves.

As the first half opened, things got dicey early for Etown. In the first 20 minutes, Lycoming College dominated the offensive side. However, Etown's defense did a tremendous job of keeping their side clear. In the 24th minute, junior midfielder Pedro Guizardi had a dream opportunity from the penalty spot. He unleashed a strike on the net, but Lycoming's goalie made the save to keep it knotted up at zero. Each side found a couple more chances for the rest of the half, but both goalies proved to be in form, each making saves of their own.

Photo Courtesy of Etown Athletics

The Elizabethtown College Women's Soccer team secured a crucial victory during Halloween, with a score of 3-0.

The second half was much of the same. The defensive battle was a bit more physical, as things got chippy in the 60th minute. Three yellow cards were given out, two going to the Lycoming side and one to a Blue Jay. Once the 70th minute hit, both sides made numerous substitutions from that point on, getting fresh legs on the field in hopes of a chance on the offensive end. Neither team found that chance though, drawing at zero.

This tie moves the men's team to 8-6-3 for the season. They earned a spot in the Landmark Conference Championships and played their quarterfinal matchup against Goucher College on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m.

The women's team came out victorious in a crucial game on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. with a 3-0 shutout win. This win clinched a playoff berth for the Jays, moving to 5-8-3 this season. Sophomore midfielder Jenna Hoffman, sophomore defensive midfielder Caleigh Bold and junior defensive midfielder Elizabeth Rajnik scored in this one. Junior goalkeepers Adrienne McGallicher and Rena Rankin combined to post a clean sheet.

The first half was a strong start for the Blue Jays, putting pressure on the opposition early and often. They'd let seven shots fly in this half and would find success in the 28th minute. Bold's goal set the tone for Etown and was also her first goal of the season. Junior midfielder Marissa Vandernick earned the assist. McGallicher only had to make one save in the early going, keeping Lycoming off the board with a late save in the 42nd minute. That was it for their first-half scoring, but they would find their rhythm in the second half.

10 minutes into the half, Hoffman notched her sixth goal of the season, scoring off another assist from Vandernick and senior defensive midfielder Bailey Groff. McGallicher made two more saves this half before Rankin came in to finish the job. Later, another first for the Blue Jays was celebrated with a goal from Rajnik in the 78th minute. Her strike was assisted by senior midfielder Maddie McWhinney. That was all she wrote, and the Blue Jays celebrated a playoff berth in this year's Landmark Conference Championships.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. the women's team made its way to Bethlehem, Pa. for their quarterfinal matchup with Moravian University.

Congratulations to both teams on their playoff berths, and best of luck in the Landmark Conference Championships.

Rangers and Diamondbacks set to face off in 2023 World Series

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The 2023 Major League Baseball (MLB) World Series is set. It will be a battle of teams out west between the Texas Rangers and Arizona Diamondbacks. Both have written similar stories this postseason, catching fire at the right time and defeating the reigning league champion Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies to reach this stage. So, let's look at each team's postseason run and see what got them to this point.

The Texas Rangers are the five-seed coming out of the American League (AL) and appear in the World Series for the third time in franchise history. They previously made it in the 2010 and 2011 seasons but fell short both times. This time, things might end differently. This isn't your regular five-seed, and it all starts with the hitting.

Adolis García might be the best hitter on Earth right now, as his bat is scorching hot. After going down three games to two and being hit by a pitch in game five, the 30-year-old outfielder, who was already on a tear, turned it up a notch. In games six and seven, he'd launch three home runs and drive in nine runs, helping the Rangers clinch the AL pennant. Over this seven-game series, García tallied five home runs to go along with 15 runs batted in (RBI), seven runs scored and a .357 average. He may have been the star in this series, but it was a combined effort from the group who slugged 15 homers and pushed 38 runs across home plate.

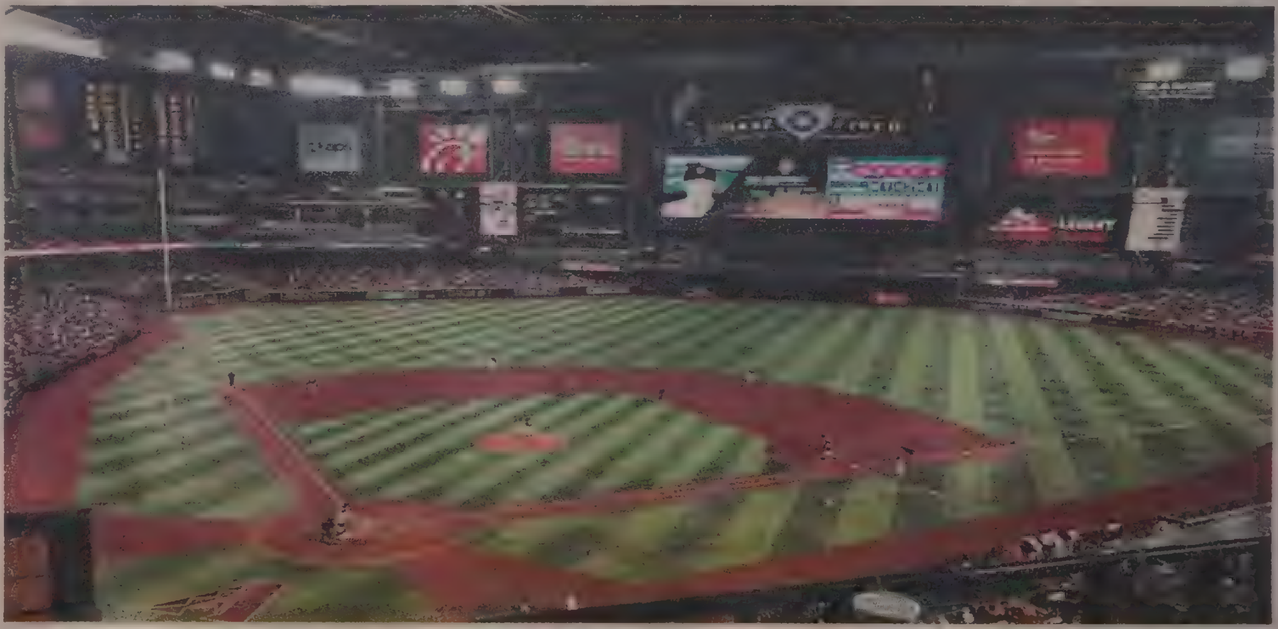
For a team to make a World Series run, both sides must come together, and the Rangers have done just that. On top of a deadly group of bats, they have two prolific pitchers heading their rotation. Starting pitchers Jordan Montgomery and Nathan Eovaldi are two arms that no team wants to face right now, carrying 2.16 and 2.42 earned run averages (ERA) respectively. With such a great group, maybe this will be the year the Rangers win their first World Series.

From barely making the postseason to marching straight to the postseason, the Arizona Diamondbacks are MLB's underdog story. It's been a fantastic run for the National League's (NL) lowest seed, running through a gauntlet that included the Milwaukee Brewers, Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies.

It's been all about the pitching for the Diamondbacks this postseason, and the National League Championship Series (NLCS) was no different. The bullpen was lockdown with closer Paul Sewald continuing a perfect postseason campaign. The veteran didn't allow a run in eight appearances, a run that included five saves and 11 strikeouts. Rookie starter Brandon Pfaadt has surprisingly led the charge for Arizona's starters. The rookie was a breath of fresh air for a rotation that had its struggles against Philadelphia. Pfaadt stepped up, striking out 16 in his two starts. This included a game seven performance when he'd hold the Phillies to two runs in four innings en route to an NLCS clinching 4-2 win.

Second baseman Ketel Marte has been the electric bat Arizona needed to make this run. He took home NLCS MVP honors and deservedly so. The name of the game was clutch hitting for the 30-year-old. His walk-off RBI single in game three gave the team the momentum to propel them to the World Series. Likely NL Rookie of the Year outfielder Corbin Carroll is also a dangerous man. After a tremendous 2023 campaign, he backed it up in game seven of the NLCS with a three-hit, two-RBI night to help the D-Backs move on. While it's not the driving factor in their postseason run, Arizona has clutch bats in their lineup that could give Texas pitching problems.

This year's World Series should be a blast and baseball fans are hopeful that this one goes the distance. With exciting stars on either side, we should have some competitive games in store.



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Fans are eager to see the Texas Rangers' star players face off against the underdog Arizona Diamondbacks when the World Series kicks off.

Video Game Review: IRA

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With all the rogue-like games in the modern market, one would expect developers to have an understanding regarding the core aspects that these games not only all feature but execute well enough that the game can be considered good, let alone have it stand out in the sea of new releases. However, not everyone understands how to make a game good. Whether it results from inexperience or plain negligence, sometimes a development team fails to understand what they need to do to make something enjoyable. The recently released IRA showcases this, as it fails to deliver a satisfying experience, due to how it sloppily weaves together bullet-hell style gameplay and rogue-like mechanics as well as making several confusing decisions that turn the game into a repetitive nightmare.

Despite its flaws, the core concept of IRA provides intrigue and engaging gameplay at times. When the bullet-hell mechanics overpower IRA's flaws, they cause the gameplay to feel decently well-crafted and fun. The game also does well at providing the quintessential gameplay mechanic of a rogue-like: the feeling of constantly getting stronger throughout a run. Admittedly, this is a tricky aspect of gameplay to mess up, but the effort is appreciated.

Running counter to the feeling of perpetually getting stronger throughout a run are the various weapons one can acquire during said playthroughs. The player can obtain several bows that vary in every way except their restrictive and limited ammo counts. This causes the game to suffer a fate similar to Breath of the Wild, wherein the player is discouraged from using brand-new weapons due to their fragile nature. Even if the player can obtain more ammo for these bows, it still imparts the feeling of restricted availability and hampers every playthrough.

The speed at which one can blaze through the bland and uninspired levels causes repeat playthroughs to become quickly stale. Rogue-likes live or die by their replayability and ability to keep the gameplay fresh and intriguing, but IRA's ludicrously short level length—one can reach the boss fight of an area in a few minutes with just decent gameplay—and lack of variability means one is constantly going through what feels like the same area every time they start up a new run. These conditions are ideal for optimal boredom and impart nothing but a lack of engagement with the player.

The clashing of the gameplay styles compounds this issue, as one can find themselves dying quickly. A good rogue-like typically revolves around fast-paced gameplay and rooms full of hostiles; a quality bullet-hell is more about careful and methodical dodging. When mixing these two styles, IRA creates infuriating gameplay that combines a slow-moving character with an overwhelming number of hard-to-dodge bullets.

Contending with the conflict between gameplay styles does nothing to alleviate the frequency with which one will find themselves dying in IRA, as the game features a fatal flaw in its design. Not only is the hitbox for the main character confusingly placed but taking damage delivers the same impact as getting hit with a wet tissue. There is virtually no noticeable indication that one has taken damage aside from an oddly quiet sound that one can easily miss during combat.

The game also feels extraordinarily unstable and unrefined. The text in the game is weirdly opaque, which makes it difficult to read the awkwardly phrased and paced dialogue at times, the game made it seem as if beating certain bosses would unlock new features, yet nothing happens when one bests said foe and the game can soft lock when one does something as simplistic as obtaining a reward for their efforts. IRA clearly needed more development time before anyone should have considered releasing it to the public.

All in all, I give IRA a 3/10.

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IRA becomes borderline repetitive as the game does little to add variety to its gameplay, failing to provide a critical element of rogue-like games.

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Students and staff work to eliminate food insecurity

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College students with tight budgets sometimes have to choose between paying for a meal or paying for other expenses like gas, textbooks or toiletries. Some Elizabethtown College staff and students are actively recognizing food insecurity on campus and addressing it through free resources and education.

Food insecurity "is a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food," according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Nearly 35% of college students face food insecurity, according to a 2020 survey by The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice.

"It can just be scary," junior Ariea O'Krepka said. "You don't know where your next meal is coming from. I feel this because of the situation that my family's in right now. When you go home and you see the cabinets are bare and there's nothing in the fridge, and you're like, oh, that's probably not ideal."

O'Krepka began working with the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) during her first year of college. She decided to help with the Blue Jay Pantry because of her personal experiences with food insecurity.

"I really understand people who are going through [food insecurity], so I get it and want to help people who are in the same boat," O'Krepka said.

Now, O'Krepka acts as the primary coordinator for the Pantry. Thanks to monetary and food donations from individual donors, the Pantry offers non-perishable items like canned goods, personal hygiene items like menstrual products and sometimes perishable foods like produce or dairy products.

When a student takes an item, they fill out an anonymous survey to indicate what they took. These surveys provide helpful data to the CCCE, indicating that the Pantry is used up to 200 times per month. In 2022, students used the Pantry over 1,000 times.

Not only is the Pantry completely free to use, but it's always open, something that CCCE Program Coordinator Leda Werner notes is especially important.

"Even if an area has a food pantry, is it open enough for it to be accessible to people?" Werner said.

Food pantries are often run by volunteers, so hours of operation may be limited and less accessible to adults who work full-time or rely on public transportation. For example, the Community Cupboard food pantry in Elizabethtown is primarily only open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students at the College can stop by the Blue Jay Pantry any time, no matter what they need.

"The pantry is always open, and it is open to every single student on this campus," O'Krepka said.

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Etown celebrates Native American Heritage Month

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The College is hosting a set of programs honoring Native American Heritage Month.

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On August 3, 1990, George W. Bush declared that November would be Native American Heritage Month because the month concludes the traditional harvest season and is a time for giving thanks.

Over time, the importance of Native culture has been emphasized in the classroom and by the public. Part of that greater understanding is the recognition that much of the heritage and legacy of the natives has been wiped out over time.

"I think it is important to celebrate Native American heritage because along with their homes being stolen, they also lost most of their culture and history. Many of them were killed and a lot of surviving ones were forced to assimilate into a new culture that was created in place of their own. Native Americans deserve the chance to reclaim the culture that was stolen from them and learn more about themselves and their cultural identity," senior music therapy major Zakiyah Grayson said.

Following such an emphasis, it only makes sense that schools would make greater amounts of effort to recognize the month as well.

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Student discontent grows over lack of parking on campus

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Of all the competitive sports at Elizabethtown College, none inspire the level of intense emotions and aggressive commentary as trying to park one's car. That may sound like a joke, but the parking situation at Etown has grown progressively worse in the last few years.

Student discontent has grown proportionally, lamenting over a lack of available spaces.

The school's main counter to this is that there isn't a lack of available spaces, but a lack of "convenient spaces." This implies that there is a sense of entitlement coming from the student body, when in reality it may be more nuanced than that.

"If we could all park by our respective dorm lots instead of separating lots by grade year, I think that would be beneficial. For example, only juniors and seniors are allowed in the Schlosser loop, but Schlosser is mainly occupied by first and second years," sophomore Kayli Hose said.

Beginning their first year, students have the ability to register their vehicle with the school. Normally, this would cost $100 a year for residential students and $50 for commuters. Only recently has that changed to be added as part of the comprehensive fee.

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Parking spots tend to fill up quickly on campus, leading to student frustration.

The school's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about parking explains that this fee is to help pay for the "improvement and expansion of parking areas." That same FAQ contains the official statement on parking availability: "parking is on a first come, first served basis, but finding a parking spot on campus is usually not a challenge. Occasional special events can make parking spaces more difficult to find."

Nevertheless, this continues to impact both resident students and commuters.

Lexi Orzechowski is a junior social work major and has been commuting to school from Lancaster, Pa. since her first year. She has been vocal in the past about her disappointment with the parking situation on campus, and it has not gotten better.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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A two-day summit was held at Bletchley Park in England starting last Tuesday to address the potential risk that artificial intelligence (AI) may pose to humanity. Delegates from the United States, China, the European Union and other nations attended the event. Also in attendance were TeslaMotors CEO Elon Musk as well as OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

Artificial intelligence is a hundred-billion-dollar industry that holds influence over a wide range of other industries, including healthcare, finance, manufacturing and transportation. Artificial intelligence is not just used by chatbots such as ChatGPT and Google Bard but also by companies and services that you use on a daily basis, such as navigation systems and the facial recognition system on your phone.

There are several reasons why artificial intelligence has been the subject of world leader's worries. For example, hackers can potentially develop more effective cyberattacks with AI. This could also signify a deeper threat of potential cyber warfare between global powers.

Some jobs could also be replaced by AI. This would mostly impact low-skilled professions, and would thus increase economic inequality. According to Forbes, wealthy individuals—namely business owners—will heavily benefit from AI developments and those of low socioeconomic status will be at the highest risk of losing their jobs.

A co-founder of Google Deepmind, Mustafa Suleyman, claimed that artificial intelligence currently poses no "significant catastrophic harms" to the people and the economy, but that it may be wise to start thinking ahead in terms of safety regulations as the industry has nowhere to go but up.

28 nations signed the Bletchley Declaration. This was a mutual agreement to develop a greater understanding of the potential of artificial intelligence as well as to manage the risks that it poses. It further acknowledges that every nation involved has its own responsibility to continue the process of researching the capabilities of artificial intelligence as well as to work together with other nations to ensure a unified front.

Private companies will also be required to be transparent about their AI usage. It is important to every nation that public safety and security be prioritized in the Bletchley Declaration.

It is an achievement in itself that all of these countries have managed to cooperate. China's presence at the summit was a subject of controversy, especially among the British hosts. China has a reputation for making investments in technology that are looked upon with suspicion by most Western nations.

The United States, according to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, is already developing potential solutions for the AI issue. President Biden recently signed an executive order that will require developers of artificial intelligence systems to share the results of their research with the U.S. government. The order also aims to protect Americans' privacy as consumers, patients, workers and students. He also announced that the U.S. AI Safety Institute is being set up. Harris gave a speech during the summit, announcing the United States' plans and goals for artificial intelligence regulation. She also held private meetings with some attendees.

The nations plan to meet again in South Korea in six months and again in France six months after that.

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The College hosts programs for Native American Heritage Month

This includes Elizabethtown College, which, for the first time this year, has created a set of programs for the month.

While standalone events have been done in years prior, Kesha Morant Williams, Senior Advisor for Equity, Diversity and Belonging here at the College explained that, "This is the first year Etown has created intentional programming specific to Native American Heritage Month. When I started here at Etown a group of colleagues shared their desire for our college to do more to honor the original inhabitants of this land. Darcey [Mills] took the lead in making this a reality for this year."

Some of the events that have occurred over this past month include the viewing of the film "Home from School, the Children of Carlisle" facilitated by the Center for Global Understanding and Peacebuilding (CGUP). Another is a weekly lunch-and-learn book club titled, "As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom through Radical Resistance" that began on Nov. 7 but is continuing through Nov. 14 and 21. Those interested should RSVP through Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills.

Mills, who organized the events for this month, emphasized that "The Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging (DEB) is taking proactive measures to ensure that this commemorative month is treated with the utmost respect and awareness. We are preparing a variety of activities and events to highlight Indigenous achievements and culture by collaborating with various campus offices and student groups."

Another effort in the works is a land acknowledgement. It is encouraged that the campus community give feedback on this effort. It begins by saying, "Elizabethtown College recognizes and respects the fact that our institution is located on the Susquehannock people's ancestral homeland. While there is currently no Susquehannock community, we recognize the historical and cultural significance of this land. As an institution of higher education, we endeavor to honor and respect the indigenous people who once inhabited this territory."

The rest of the statement can be found on the Diversity, Equity and Belonging section of the College's website, but it is a powerful effort to make a better future for the College. This could also be a good precedent for other institutions to also acknowledge the people who once lived on their land.

There is still time for students to engage in events within the month; in the IDEA Lab in the High Library up until Dec. 8, there is an exhibit celebrating Indigenous authors, poets and musicians. In addition, anyone wanting to learn about Native heritage outside of the school or who does not have time to attend the events here should look to the Smithsonian, PBS and the History Channel for documentaries and series they put out.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Pennsylvania cannot join 11 other states in a program aimed at reducing emissions according to a court ruling handed down last week.

The state attempted to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, commonly referred to as RGGI, after a 2019 executive order by former Democratic Governor Tom Wolf. Now, the Commonwealth Court has ruled it unconstitutional in two separate cases.

RGGI is a cap-and-trade program, which essentially means power plants would pay for the emissions they put out. The state would set a cap for the amount of carbon dioxide released by all power plants. Then, power plants would purchase emissions at an auction, buying the tonnage they need to operate. The ultimate goal in cap-and-trade programs like RGGI is to slowly lower the amount of emissions allowed each year.

Both of the court cases center around the mandatory purchase of emissions by power plants. Critics argue that RGGI is a tax, a problem because taxes cannot be enacted by the executive branch in Pennsylvania, only by the General Assembly. Proponents of RGGI say the program is simply a fee.

The difference may seem small, but for programs like RGGI, the fee versus tax argument is life or death. Anything that raises more money than needed to offset the costs is a tax, according to the Tax Foundation, a nonprofit, non-partisan tax policy group

Judge Michael H. Wojcik, the Commonwealth Court judge who wrote the majority opinion in one of the cases, noted that RGGI was expected to triple the Department of Environmental Protection's annual state budget in just a year.

In both of the cases brought, judges ruled RGGI as a tax and therefore unconstitutional.

Critics of RGGI say the decision was obvious because cap-and-trade programs are a mandatory price businesses (power plants) must pay to operate. Proponents of RGGI say under the federal Clean Air Act, the state can regulate energy companies. They also say it's a fee because it's simply an emission limit on companies.

The first case, brought by a group of legislators, said the Wolf administration overstepped its power by enacting RGGI because it's a tax. The other case, brought by energy companies and others with energy interests, focuses specifically on the tax versus fee designation.

The court cases would become moot if the General Assembly decided to enact RGGI; however, in a session riddled with a separate court mandate to fix school funding in the state and a still-incomplete budget, a climate change initiative seems to have taken the back burner. RGGI would also have to be passed in both chambers, and the firmly Republican Senate has repeatedly stated its opposition to the bill—part of the reason Wolf decided to join through an executive order in 2019. Democrats only have a one-seat majority in the House and would need full-party support on RGGI.

Democratic Governor Josh Shapiro has not taken a firm stance on RGGI. Shapiro's only action towards the initiative thus far was to create a work group to examine RGGI's effectiveness. The group could not come to a complete conclusion with full support of all members but said it would support a cap-and-trade program.

The Shapiro administration has 30 days to appeal the Commonwealth Court's decision to the state supreme court. An appeal would not guarantee certain victory. The only surefire way to enact RGGI would be to have the General Assembly pass it because the fee versus tax argument would become irrelevant.

States already in RGGI include Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

The College addresses food insecurity through various initiatives

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"So even if you need the smallest thing, or you think, oh someone else could use it more, literally just take what you need."

Because of the abundance of food in cafeterias, food insecurity in students is often overlooked. However, as students start living more independently and opting out of meal plans, some may not be able to afford the groceries, let alone nutritional groceries, that they need.

A residential student may have to choose between buying enough food or putting gas in their car to go to their internship. A commuter may skip buying lunch from the cafeteria between classes because they don't have extra money.

Werner says not having enough to eat is especially worrisome in a rigorous academic environment.

"Food is one of the most basic things we need to function. College students use their brains a lot when they're in college, and food is literally the fuel for your brain power. Studies show that if you don't have enough to eat, it really does impact your ability to focus, your ability to just perform well in classes," Werner said.

While the Blue Jay Pantry is the most notable food resource for students on campus, both the CCCE and O'Krepka have additional goals to fight food insecurity.

The CCCE plans to host an informational event for students next semester about Pennsylvania's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

"We definitely do want to start doing more awareness raising on campus about SNAP benefits because a lot of college students are eligible for them, and they might not think of themselves as being eligible because they're in college," Werner said.

In August, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services announced increased eligibility for certain college students to receive SNAP benefits. To help students become more aware of SNAP, the CCCE is currently working with students in Director of Public Health Robert Aronson's Public Health class to create informational materials for the future event.

As for O'Krepka, she is spearheading an Etown chapter of the Food Recovery Network. The Food Recovery Network is "the largest student-led movement to fight food waste and end hunger in the U.S.," according to their website.

"The grand scheme of the Food Recovery Network as a whole is to actually do food recovery, which means taking food that might be wasted in the Marketplace, repackaging it and giving it to people who need it. I'm not sure if that will happen while I'm here because I'm a junior and that stuff takes a while, but that would be the end goal maybe in a few years," O'Krepka said.

Although the Elizabethtown Food Recovery Network is not an official club yet, they have hosted a few small events and are gaining interest from students. On Nov. 11, the chapter will volunteer at the Midwest Food Bank in Middletown.

Students interested in the chapter should follow their Instagram @etownfrn or email okrepkaa@etown.edu for more information.

To learn more about the Blue Jay Pantry and how to support it through donations, visit etown.edu/centers/community-civic/. The Pantry is located at Brossman Commons 251 on campus.

Students express dissatisfaction over campus parking

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"The College accepted too many students, and now there's a lack of spots, so they ticket people and make money off not having enough parking spots. Meanwhile, the commuters who use their cars every day are forced to park the farthest, while the residents who may not use their cars for days have the closest parking," Orzechowski said.

Here, Orzechowski is highlighting a gap between residential students and commuters, an issue we often see, but here exacerbated by the parking circumstances.

When speaking on how the issue has affected her personally, Orzechowski said, "sometimes if there's traffic, I'm late to class because it takes me 10 minutes just to walk there if I have to go to a back lot. It makes me feel like I don't belong."

The average ticket for parking in a space you don't have access to is $20. Students can appeal these tickets, but many students spoken to had their appeals rejected.

The Parking Violation Appeal form is on Jayweb and needs to be completed within five days of the ticket being issued. The Board that assesses the appeals is not only comprised of faculty and staff, but student representation as well.

Business Buzz

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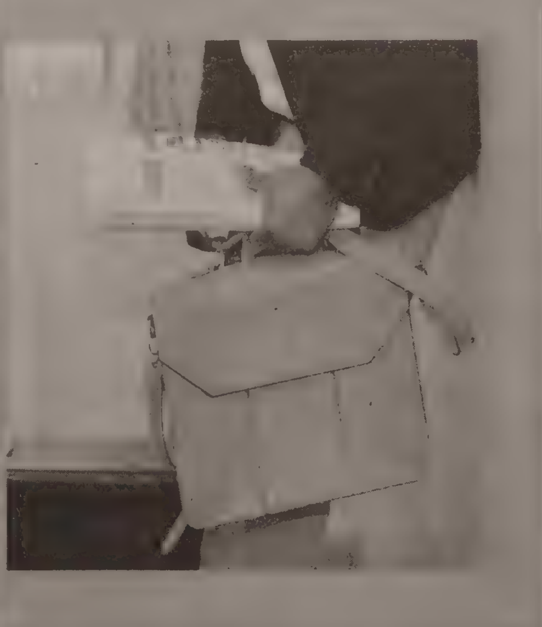
Gratitude has been taking over the world for personal growth for the past few years. Journaling about everything we appreciate or are thankful for encourages us to reassess our lives. Though this seems to be only personal growth, the business sector has taken notes, saving itself from workplace toxicity.

Gratitude plays a vital role in employee satisfaction. In a recent poll, 93 percent of its respondents said that when they received a thank you from their boss, it made them feel more appreciated and respected. Expression of gratitude also allows the employees to focus on what they like about the company, other than what may annoy them. It has also been noted that more job satisfaction can occur within six months of an expression of gratitude. In a research study conducted by the American Psychological Association (APA), they found that 93 percent of employees found themselves encouraged to have higher levels of engagement, and only 21 percent of participants will be looking for a new job.

Gratitude is something that is a basic human necessity. It allows us to feel appreciated, wanted and trusted. It gives us a sense of happiness and raises productivity levels, along with creating trust and community within the workplace. It makes a place where employees feel safe to generate new ideas and discuss ways to improve the business for which they work. This can create a healthier work environment and develop possible new streams of revenue if suggestions are taken into consideration.



Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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From its genesis in America, the game of football is now gaining traction outside of the country. Other nations playing out beloved games is nothing new as professional football leagues like the Canadian Football League (CFL) and European League of Football (ELF) outside of America have existed for quite some time, but nothing like that of the National Football League (NFL). While they may play by differing rules and have quite a different style of play, one thing is clear–the support for football in other nations is present. To cater to these newfound fans the NFL, with its 32 teams across the United States, has begun to schedule games in different countries like the United Kingdom, Mexico, Canada and even Germany. With the love of the game being so popular now more than ever, what comes next?

One unlikely possibility to get a team outside of the United States is the moving of a current team to another country. While throughout the history of the NFL this has happened quite a few times, it is unlikely to take place on such a major scale. The most recent example of this was the Oakland Raiders making their way to the city of Las Vegas in 2020. While this move wasn't unexpected, moves like the Cleveland Browns to Baltimore in 1996 can be much more problematic (hence why the Browns would return to Cleveland in 1999). So while it is possible to move one of the 32 teams outside of the country, it is extremely unlikely and all depends on team ownership and a three-quarters majority of ownership across the league.

The last team to enter the NFL were the Houston Texans in 2002 and as the 32nd team to join the league the question has come up: when will they add more? While the sport is popular in other countries, there is quite a process ahead of any foreign nation that would like to join the NFL. In order to add a new team or an expansion, a vote of the current team owners would be necessary, and to push this through there would need to be a three-quarters majority of ownership. An expansion would also most likely require the addition of two teams at a time, one in the American Football Conference (AFC) and one in the National Football Conference (NFC) (the two separate conferences of the NFL). This would also require investors and a lot of them—according to Yahoo Finance, the average NFL franchise would cost roughly over 3 billion USD to gain traction. Then the question would become where to place such a team, and which country/city could support such a major sports team?

While this is all speculation, two major cities come to mind: one being London, England, and the other being Toronto, Ontario (Canada). According to the Chicago Tribune, of the past 10 years the NFL has been playing in the city of London, only one of the fourteen games has not been completely sold out. Furthermore, Toronto is a major Canadian city with a SkyDome that would be perfect to support an NFL team. Not only do both these cities and surrounding areas have a proven affinity for the game, but they may also have the infrastructure to support such a structure.

While at this time the idea of a new team in a country other than America seems unlikely, it is still well within possibility. The conversation is present and within the next years and further trial games, there is a real chance we could see the addition of a new team. Not only would this add to the competitiveness of the game, but it may also be a further bridge for unity amongst nations.

Etown's graduate programs ranked top six by Intelligent.com

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Etown's SGPS program was recognized for multiple categories in the Intelligent.com awards, specifically for its reputation in higher education and the affordability of the programs.

Elizabethtown College's School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SPGS) was recently ranked in the top six for online adult education programs by Intelligent.com. Etown's graduate program has been recognized in six different categories, some of which include academic quality and graduation rate. After a student's four years of undergraduate studies, many move on to obtain a higher degree in their field of study. For students looking to continue their time at Etown after graduation, SPGS offers many rigorous yet cost-efficient programs.

Intelligent is a trusted website that ranks college programs and helps prospective students make unbiased decisions while navigating the college process. The Intelligent Awards seek to rank and promote colleges that offer programs that fit their criteria of academic quality, graduation rate, cost, return on investment and student resources. Whether it be undergraduate or graduate programs, guidance for employment and internships, Intelligent offers information concerning many different areas of life college students have to navigate. Considering Etown is a small, private institution, it is an honor to be recognized by a reputable resource in higher education.

Etown's SGPS program was recognized for multiple categories in the Intelligent Awards, specifically for its reputation in higher education and the affordability of the programs. Etown's most notable recognitions were for the Online Associate of Healthcare Administration Program, which was ranked the 5th best program of 2024, and the Online Accounting Degree Program which was ranked the 11th best program in 2024. Not only does Etown offer affordable graduate programs but they also lead students through to graduation and equip students with tools to excel in their chosen fields .

If you are a student looking into graduate schools, Etown is a great place to continue your education. The SPGS program's aim is "World-ready quality meets hometown attention." Etown's School of Graduate and Professional Studies offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in an online setting to meet the needs of busy working adults. Continuing in higher education can be a financial burden and a major time commitment, but Etown aims to meet the needs of students by meeting them where they are in their lives. Etown's graduate programs accelerate the students' time in school to obtain their degree faster. According to the SPGS, "79% of graduate students complete their degrees in one to two years."

Etown's graduate program is known for its campus climate, registration effectiveness, academic advising and financial aid. Adult learners highly rated Etown's graduate programs as the students' levels of satisfaction beat the national average in many categories. Graduate degrees can be easily obtained as class expectations work around the student's busy schedule. Classes are taken one at a time in five week increments. Etown offers many different associate's degrees like accounting, healthcare administration, business administration and human services. Bachelor's degrees are offered in many of the same disciplines. Some of the notable programs that Etown offers include a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction, a Master of Arts in counseling psychology and a Master of Science in strategic leadership. One of the most popular graduate programs that enrolls students is the Doctorate of Occupational Therapy.

Not only does Etown offer an undergraduate experience that is noted in many national rankings, but it is also known for its quality of graduate programs. If you are looking to continue your time as an adult learner, Etown offers a wide range of programs. Unlike other graduate programs, SGPS offers cost-effective quality education. SGPS seeks to meet students where they are and prepare them to be a force for good in their communities and workplaces.

"Etown SGPS was honored for its reputation and affordability, as well as for offering the tools and resources students need to successfully graduate and excel in their fields."

~Etown News

OSA hosts second annual Jay Fest

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During the first weekend of November, Elizabethtown College's Office of Student Activities (OSA) hosted its second annual Jay Fest. OSA has historically put on multiple events for the college community to enjoy, including drag shows, magicians and hypnotists. However, the OSA team decided to turn one entertainment affair into a traditional annual event. This music festival-inspired show allowed students to take a break from studying to unwind and listen to music with their friends. The music fest features multiple genres, including pop, rock, country and acapella. The guest performers feature multiple independent artists from around the country to perform covers of popular songs and even perform some of their own music. Jayfest is a two-night-long event where three other music acts performed.

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> *~Alyssa Eckstein*

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This music festival-inspired show allowed students to take a break from studying to unwind and listen to music with their friends.

The first artist on the lineup was Sydney Irving, an indie and rock-pop singer from Syracuse, New York. She had a passion for music beginning at a young age and it certainly showed during her performance. The lineup of her songs included popular Taylor Swift songs, like "22" and "You Belong with Me." She also sang other classics like Blink-182's "All the Small Things" and Phillip Phillips's "Home." The energy of the audience was highly energetic; some students even stood up and danced along with the music.

A senior occupational therapy major Alyssa Eckstein came to see Sydney Irving perform. "It was really fun watching her perform and hearing her versions of popular songs, I especially liked her Taylor Swift medley, everyone seemed really happy to hear that one," Eckstein said.

The second singer that was featured for that night was Cooper Greer, a country rock singer-songwriter based in Nashville, Tennessee. He performed some classic country songs like "She's Country." He also sang some of his original songs. The energy was highly radiant throughout the time he was performing. Country fans sang and danced along to the music, highly entertained by Greer's performance.

The Office of Student Activities is planning to have many more events in the upcoming year; be sure to check the OSA Calendars and the banners in the Baugher Student Center (BSC) for upcoming events. The artists' music can also be streamed on listening services like Spotify and Apple Music.

Scan this QR code to go to Irving's Spotify page!

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A wide variety of talent was on display, with muscians from different genres coming to provide entertainment at Etown.

Fake Fireplace, Real Conversations sparks engaging discussions

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The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation meeting happens weekly at the High Library main floor in front of the fake fireplace from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the High Library hosted the Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation talk on the main floor of the High Library from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event helps students reunite to talk about topics shared prior to the day of the event.

"Today, we did not plan on any topics, we just wanted people to share what's on their mind, especially with what is going on around the world," junior social work major Sheridan Smink said. This is a way many people de-stress around the fireplace of the High Library and know that they are heard. Other people may see it as an escape for a few hours and listen to others speak and relax.

"Every meeting has something new to offer," sophomore graphic design major Hannah Schilling said. "We are just looking forward to meeting new people." As other people joined in and spoke, you could see that the main worry of most of the students was that finals week was approaching with all the presentations, papers and more being prepared. Laughter and understanding were shared around the room. First-year computer science major Mildred Nwachukwu-Innocent said she was glad to have stopped by because she realized that what she was feeling was the same as other people around her, and that was very reassuring to her: "Instead of being locked in my room worrying about what I had to do tomorrow, I could just be here sipping hot chocolate and enjoying my time hearing people talk." As the time passed by the conversation got deeper, others started to share their point of view on how society is. Students discussed beauty standards, the economy and the way there are no clothes with the right size these days. "Walking into a store and looking for an XL shirt to then end up with one way too small on me," one of the attendees said. Many agreed with the fact that they can never find their right size in stores, they knew that it was done for a reason and that slimmer bodies were only accepted.

They also shared how they wished that they were teenagers during the year 2000 and each person had their own sense of fashion and dressed however they wanted to without any care of other people's views. "I remember when I was but a kid how I used to go to school with multicolored clothes and feel so proud and beautiful. Something that most of the kids of this generation will not be able to experience," Schilling said.

"Does any of you feel like you can no longer focus like before and end up scrolling through TikTok most of the time," one of the attendees said. And there went another conversation that was raised to the surface. Schilling said, "It has been an ongoing issue these days; I can scroll through it for hours and not even realize it." The concern they all had about that was very real and disturbing to them because they saw how unhealthy it had started to become; they agreed that something needed to change in their routine so that they would not feel lost on their phones most of the time. "COVID made everyone addicted to their phone," Smink said.

The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation meeting happens weekly at the High Library main floor in front of the fake fireplace from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone is free to join even if they do not want to talk, they could just sit down and enjoy their time with candy, tea or hot cocoa. For more information on what happens during those meetings or the questions of the day, please visit their Instagram @etownff.

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The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation provids refreshements and is open to everyone to stop by and enjoy their time with candy, tea or hot cocoa.

What Chandler Bing quote are you based on your zodiac sign?

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Growing up, I hated my name. No matter where I went, everyone automatically assumed that my name was a boy's name, and for an elementary schooler obsessed with dresses and the color pink, it felt like the end of the world. Then, around my middle school years, I started watching "Friends," and I was introduced to the character who had caused me so much chaos: Chandler Bing. Very quickly, my attitude about my name went from loathing to adoration. While I still slightly roll my eyes when someone calls me Chandler Bing, there will always be a special place in my heart for this character who is so much like me. So, for this edition of the Horoscopes, in honor of Matthew Perry, let's find out what Chandler Bing quote you are based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising!

Aries- "Alright, I took the quiz, and it turns out I do put my career before men."— "The One Where No One's Ready," Season 3, Episode 2

Taurus- "I'm a gym member. I try to go four times a week, but I've missed the last 1,200 times." — "The One with the Ballroom Dancing," Season 4, Episode 4

Gemini- "Hi, I'm Chandler. I make jokes when I'm uncomfortable."— "The One with the Proposal: Part 1," Season 6, Episode 24

Cancer- "Oh, that makes me feel so warm in my hollow, tin chest."— "The One Where Chandler Can't Cry," Season 6, Episode 14

Leo- "I'm sorry. Moment to make fun of that, please."— "The One Where Monica Sings," Season 9, Episode 13

Virgo- "I tend to keep talking 'til somebody stops me."— "The One Where Rachel Goes Back to Work," Season 9, Episode 11

Libra- "We swallow our feelings. Even if it means we're unhappy forever. Sounds good?"— "The One Where Chandler Crosses the Line," Season 4, Episode 7

Scorpio- "I'm not great at the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"— "The One with the Tea Leaves," Season 8, Episode 17

Sagittarius- "I'm funny, right? What do you know? You're a door. You only like knock-knock jokes."— "The One with the Male Nanny," Season 9, Episode 6

Capricorn- "I can handle this. 'Handle' is my middle name. Actually, 'handle' is the middle of my first name."— "The One Without the Ski Trip," Season 3, Episode 17

Aquarius- "Should I use my invisibility to fight crime or for evil?"— "The One in Barbados Part 2," Season 9, Episode 24

Pisces- "I'm hopeless and awkward and desperate for love!"— "The One with the Metaphorical Tunnel," Season 3, Episode 4

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Chandler Bing was known on the show "Friends" for his quick wit and sarcastic quips. Which one is yours?

Students of Etown

Learn about first-year Marie Deily's journey to discovering her passion for psychology

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College can be both exciting and stressful as you decide what you want to do for the rest of your life, and first-year Marie Deily knows that feeling well. When she started the semester here at Elizabethtown College, she was a biology major with a concentration in pre-vet but over time discovered it just wasn't for her.

Many college students end up changing their major, which can be scary, but as Deily knows, it can be incredibly rewarding to find out what suits you and what will continue to fascinate and excite you as you continue your schooling and career journey. Deily decided that next semester she would be going forward as a psychology major.

"I chose to switch to psychology because I can go on to be a therapist or psychiatrist and help people. Psychology has always fascinated me," Deily said.

Deily is looking forward to the opportunity to change people's lives and having the ability to make a difference, especially in the field of clinical psychology. She still isn't quite sure what she wants to do, but she is determined to work hard to get her bachelor's degree and work forward from there.

So far, Deily has been enjoying her time at Etown and has especially enjoyed taking her first English course with Dr. Charity Fox. Deily enjoys how Fox makes sure everyone in her class is comfortable with the workload and can easily adjust to the college atmosphere.

"She checks in with us to make sure we aren't drowning with work, and completely understands that we have lives outside of the classroom and we aren't in control of everything. She's a really good teacher," Deily said.

Deily also really enjoyed the ropes course she completed with The Momentum Program at the beginning of the semester. The Momentum Program helps first-generation college students learn about the college experience and offers a support system as they navigate the first two years of their college education. The program helps students achieve their academic and professional goals, prepare for their futures and helps them to create a community of peers, faculty, staff and alumni. Deily discussed how the program helped her learn how to manage her time and feel comfortable asking for help when she needs it.

"At first, I wasn't too sure what to think about it but as the semester went on I realized how much it helped. I didn't realize how much I didn't know or understand about college," Deily said.

Deily has enjoyed her time at Etown so far and originally chose the college because it was far enough away from her home in Delaware but close enough to the family she has in Pennsylvania. She grew up near the University of Delaware, so she knew she didn't want a big school, and when she toured Etown, she was happy that the campus was more on the smaller side.

Outside of her academic life, Deily enjoys playing in her local rugby club back in Delaware, where she either plays as a tighthead prop or a full back, depending on what the team needs, but she prefers to play tighthead.

Back at home, Deily has two interesting pets: Dane the black lab and Millie the cat. For the most part, the two get along, but Dane doesn't quite seem to understand their size difference.

"He doesn't realize he's a lot bigger than her and she scares him. She will run and hide behind furniture to jump out at him. If she is sitting at the stairs, he will sit at the bottom and cry until someone moves the cat so he can go up the stairs," Deily said.

Perhaps it's Millie's excessive number of toes that scares him! Deily discussed how instead of the typical 18 toes that cats have, Millie has 24 total toes, making her a polydactyl! Either way, Dane and Millie are an entertaining pair that makes Deily laugh.

Photo courtesy of Marie Deily

Pictured here are, from left to right, Marie Deily and her friends from home, Milo and Carrie.

Media Review

Don't miss your second chance to watch Taylor Swift's 'Eras Tour'

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In Nov. 2022, I, like many others, did not survive the Ticketmaster Great War and failed to purchase Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour tickets for one of the Pittsburgh, Pa. dates. I have been a fan of Swift since the early days of my childhood, and although I saw her during her Reputation Stadium Tour, it was a devastating loss. Thus, when Swift announced on Sept. 26 that the filmed version of the Eras tour would be arriving in theaters, I did not hesitate to buy tickets.

On Oct. 13, I and my friend, senior International Business major Meghan Murray, traveled to the AMC in Camphill, Pa. for a late-night showing. I wore my prized "Folklore" cardigan, and Murray dressed in the spirit of the "Red" era. Others were also dressed in theme, and it felt like Halloween had come early.

On Swift's 10th studio album, "Midnights," there is a song called "You're On Your Own, Kid," and Swift sings, "make the friendship bracelets." This cute line, meant to represent appreciating the small moments in life, took the world by storm. Fans who attended the Eras Tour made bracelets upon bracelets to trade. So, for the film, it only felt natural to participate in the trend to match the real experience of the concert. During the show, I traded bracelets, and I proudly wear my "Fearless" one every day.

The show runs for two hours and forty-five minutes, and originally, the idea of sitting in a theater for that amount of time felt daunting. I remember watching the similarly timed "Avengers: Endgame" and how antsy I felt after that movie. I'm happy to say that wasn't the case! As Swift takes viewers on a journey throughout her delightful musical career, it's hard to not find yourself captivated by her talent and stage presence. By the time the show ended, I was actually disappointed that it didn't last longer.

As I mentioned, I did not attend the Eras Tour, but I have seen enough TikToks to feel like I have. While I knew from my social media feeds that Swift cut songs, I was still disappointed when hits like "Wildest Dreams" and "Long Live" did not make the setlist. These two are widely popular songs, and I am perplexed about why these were chosen as the sacrificial lambs, especially since "Long alive" was featured in the trailer.

One of my favorite parts of the show is how engaging it is. At my theater, everyone stayed in their seats, but we danced and sang at a reasonable level. The energy around some songs, especially "You Belong With Me" and the 10 minute version of "All Too Well," increased tenfold, but it was still a relaxed atmosphere. Members of the crowd, myself and Murray included, even did the iconic chants for the tour like Kendrick Lamar's line during "Bad Blood," "You forgive, you forget, but you never let it go."

Although I will forever be disappointed that I didn't get to physically attend the Eras Tour, this experience definitely helped make up for it. "Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" is still showing in theaters, so if you have an extra couple hours to spare, I highly recommend grabbing a friend and going!

Photo courtesy of Chandler McGuire

Grab a fellow Swiftie and rush to see "The Eras Tour" movie at a theater near you!

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Elizabethtown's first bank was a private bank called the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company, established by Jacob Gish. He also founded the Bank of Swatara, and in the 1870s Abram Collins and Samuel Eby founded Etown's first national bank.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on The History of Banking in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania by Emily Renae Webb and Joshua Albin

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Job Spotlight

Learn about how Lily Johnson prepared for her role as a Resident Assistant

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For every residence hall on campus, there's a handful of resident assistants, or RAs, ready to step in when things get out of hand. Most students know that RAs are given their own rooms and don't have to pay to live on campus, which can make the college experience a little more pleasant and affordable for some. But Lily Johnson, a junior and RA for Founders A, shared some extra benefits about her position.

"The job has taught me lasting skills such as communication, conflict resolution, public speaking, time management and leadership," she said. She also explained that she has made many friends on the job, and she enjoys being a part of the team.

RAs have a lot of responsibilities, so it's a sizable time commitment. According to Johnson, safety inspections, wellness checks, incident reports and designing the bulletin boards in the residence halls fall on the RAs, and they must all be completed on a strict deadline. Additionally, RAs are tasked with keeping the peace.

"RAs have to conduct uncomfortable conversations such as wellness checks, roommate mediations and noise complaints which can take time to get used to," Johnson said.

Elizabethtown College requires RAs to attend two weeks of training before the start of every academic year, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, to learn how to handle situations like those. This means RAs return from summer break early, and paired with having to inspect rooms and close the residence halls after their residents check out for the semester, RAs have significantly shorter breaks than their peers.

RAs are also mandated reporters, requiring them to alert Etown staff when serious issues arise, so they need to be mindful of their surroundings. "I have to set boundaries to make sure I stay away from situations that include conduct violations or illegal activity that I am mandated to report," Johnson explained.

Despite the challenges, Johnson expressed that she really likes the position, especially designing and making the bulletin boards and hanging positive quotes around her floor to encourage her residents.

"I wanted to be an RA because I love helping people," she said. "Student leaders are a very important resource, and I wanted to be a reliable outlet for my residents. I wanted to create a fun environment where everyone feels safe and welcome." To help create that positive environment, Johnson also hosts events for the residents on her floor to attend.

According to Johnson, the application process was fairly simple. She submitted her paperwork in the fall semester, followed by interviewing for the position in the spring semester and then received the decision towards the beginning of the spring.

To prepare, Johnson said she watched YouTube videos about which skills RAs should have, and things worth mentioning in the interview to grant a better chance at being hired for the position. She also came with sketches of bulletin boards she designed and an idea for a floor event to give the staff an idea of what she wanted to do.

Johnson also offered some words of advice for students like her, who want to make a difference in the Etown community by becoming an RA. "I recommend introducing yourself to some staff, such as Gene Thomas, and talk to current RAs about the position," she said.

Photo courtesy of Lily Johnson

Lily Johnson enjoys her position as a RA because she loves helping people and creating a safe and welcoming environment.

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How do pumpkins listen to music?

On vine-yl records!

Debate of the Week

When is the best time to decorate for Christmas?

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As the spooky season comes to an end, the preparation for the next holiday begins. The main debate though is, which holiday do you start to prepare for after Halloween? For this week's debate topic, I asked the question, "when should you start to prepare for Christmas? After Halloween or after Thanksgiving?"

To gauge the opinion of the student body of Elizabethtown College, I decided to send out a poll to the members of my residence hall group chat. I defined preparing for Christmas as putting up decorations, listening to Christmas music, watching Christmas movies and having stores sell seasonal items. I also decided to personally go around and ask people what their opinion on this question was and took note of their responses.

For someone who opposed preparing for Christmas immediately after Halloween, junior Natalie Meyer said, "There's a whole month with another holiday in between. Definitely after Thanksgiving," whereas on the other hand, junior Cassidy Rohrman, who supports preparing for Christmas after Halloween said, "I don't think of Thanksgiving as a real holiday, so I choose to jump into the celebration of Christmas instead of waiting on Thanksgiving to be over first." However, when analyzing the poll that I sent to the people who live in my residence hall, the results turned out to be strongly in favor of waiting until after Thanksgiving to prepare for Christmas. The total result was out of 22 votes, 17 people said that they would wait until after Thanksgiving and five people said that they would start after Halloween.

I happen to agree with the majority that after Thanksgiving is the best time to start preparing for Christmas. Even though Christmas is an exciting time, there is a whole holiday in between Halloween and Christmas, so the public should hold off on celebrating for another couple of weeks. Though I also agree that Thanksgiving isn't the most exciting holiday, and many people don't celebrate it, it still has a good base principle of showing appreciation for what you have and for those around you, so maybe it would be better for the public to think about it a bit more instead of jumping headfirst into Christmas. Christmas also has a message of joy and appreciation, but it is often overshadowed by the corporate struggle of buying the best gift, making the best products or getting the most sales, so people often lose sight of the original meaning of Christmas.

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Do you wait to start decorating for the Christmas season before or after Thanksgiving?

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet the charming rabbit named Darwin

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Everyone say hi to Darwin! Darwin is a four-year-old Holland Lop rabbit. First-year Jillian Spiller, Darwin's owner, got him in Ohio on the way home from a road trip in early August of 2020. They picked him up from a farm.

"I think it was called 'Darwintin's Farm,' which is why we named him Darwin," Spiller said. The farm had had a litter too late in the season, according to Spiller. They wanted to get rid of the bunnies as fast as they could.

Spiller ended up getting two rabbits from that litter: Darwin and his sister, Kirby: "My mom was convinced I would not share Darwin. So, then we adopted Kirby." The Spiller family came home from that trip with another two animals to add to their zoo waiting at home.

Spiller has always loved rabbits. They are her "favorite animal, so [she] really wanted another one when the rabbit [she] had before passed." As mentioned previously, Darwin is a Holland Lop. That is the smallest lop-eared rabbit breed. Although, Darwin is bigger than his breed should be at his age. He is much bigger than Kirby, even though the females of his breed are supposed to be the larger of the two. Spiller said that Kirby was the runt of their litter.

When asked why she chose Darwin, Spiller said it was "because he has a very unique personality for a rabbit. He likes to play with one of my cats, Krimpet. He's a curious little guy!" Darwin, unlike Kirby, is very outgoing. He's a playful bunny and loves to check the world out. Kirby, on the other hand, is shy and doesn't really like people.

One special thing that Darwin does is the way that he asks for attention: "Normally, rabbits only headbutt things to acknowledge them, but Darwin doesn't do just that." Darwin loves to headbutt anything and everything, over and over again, "He'll headbutt his food, my leg, my hand, you name it! Just repeatedly. For no reason."

Spiller says that Darwin's favorite foods are strawberries and mangos. Darwin also eats hay, but that is pretty typical for any bunny. One thing that he absolutely will not include in his diet is broccoli. Spiller said that "he hates broccoli. He literally throws it."

The Spiller household is home to many animals. They have six pets in total. Spiller says that they all joke that "everything comes in a pair." She has two of each, a dog, a cat and a rabbit waiting at home for her whenever she is on break, but no matter the number, "Darwin is [her] favorite." That is, at least, when it comes to choosing between him and his sister. Spiller loves all of her animals the same and can't wait to see them again soon.

Photo courtesy of Jillian Spiller

Darwin the rabbit loves strawberries and mangos, but hates to eat his broccoli!

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Etown soccer season ends in Landmark Conference playoffs

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's soccer teams came up short in the playoffs this past week. The men's team fell to Goucher College on Tuesday, Oct. 31 in the quarterfinals 3-2. The women's team found success in the quarterfinals with a 2-1 win over Moravian University, but their season came to an end on Thursday, Nov. 2 against the University of Scranton in a 5-1 loss.

The men's team kicked off their playoff match at 7 p.m. that Tuesday. It was a wild kickoff to the Landmark Conference playoffs as the first half was one that saw both offenses firing on all cylinders. The Blue Jays got ahead on the scoreboard early with a 27th minute goal by graduate student midfielder Mehluko Letsoalo. His second goal of the season was assisted by a wonderful cross into the box by junior midfielder Pedro Guizardi.

Goucher would not go away, however, as they'd net a pair of goals within 10 minutes of each other. It started with a goal in the 34th minute that knotted the match at one. Then, in the 43rd minute of play, the Gophers would pull out in front, finding the back of the net to make it 2-1 just before the half.

In the second half, Etown was relentless with 11 shots, desperate to draw back even. Goucher would maintain a strong defensive form, fending off the Blue Jays' offensive efforts.

Unfortunately, the Gophers would strike gold on a goal off a deflection in the 73rd minute to give themselves a two-goal lead.

Four minutes later, junior midfielder Hudson Peck sent a beautiful ball into the box on a corner kick, where Guizardi would head past the Gophers goalkeeper to make it a one-goal game. It was Guizardi's eighth goal of the season.

As the half dwindled down, the Blue Jays would not go away, pushing the issue in the opponent's end, but Goucher's defense was too strong. Etown could not complete the comeback, and Goucher would win 3-2.

The women's team came into Thursday's semifinal matchup with Scranton on a roll. The team had put together a three-game winning streak coming into the night's match, which included a win in the quarterfinals.

The Royals proved to be too much in this one, going up early and never looking back. The Blue Jays struggled to get anything going offensively in the first half, as Scranton's defense kept Etown from getting any shots off. The Royals on the other hand found their rhythm, going up 3-0 within the first 24 minutes of play.

Scranton would add a fourth goal about halfway through the second half in the 72nd minute. About 10 minutes later, senior midfielder Maddie McWhinney scored her sixth goal of the year with an 82nd minute strike to get the Blue Jays on the board.

The top-seeded Royals would add one more before time was up. Their goal in the 88th minute made it 5-1, and that was it.

Photo courtesy of Patrick Blain on Elizabethtown College Athletics

The Blue Jays push the ball upfield, looking to start a counter attack and put pressure on the opposing defense.

Etown wrestling fights to top three finish in Messiah Invitational

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The Elizabethtown College Blue Jays wrestling team took to the Messiah Invitational at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. This was an away match at Messiah University. Overall, Etown came out of the event with a third-place finish in a competition that consisted of eight teams. Many of our wrestlers placed highly in each of the weight classes. This gave them 117.5 total points at the event by the end of the day. Many Etown wrestlers had successful days, and several came out victorious in their matches and overall weight classes.

Two Blue Jays would take the top spot in their respective weight classes with junior Braden Schuyler and graduate student Brian Schneider. Schuyler won the 133 class with a 10-6 in the first place match, and Schneider's was a dominant win in the form of a technical fall. The win gave him the top spot in the 165 class.

Senior Dylan Waller was also successful in the invitational. He came close to taking the top spot in his 285 weight class, but fell short. He did earn second place though, helping the Blue Jays secure more points in the overall team leaderboard.

Two other Blue Jays secured top three finishes on the day. Senior Ethan Liptzin, of the 125 weight class, faced a worthy opponent in his third-place match. It was a good bout between the two, and Liptzin would come out on top, winning 8-3. This helped earn him third place for his weight class. Senior Trai Roland, of the 197 weight class, was the other Etown competitor to earn third place in his class. It was another dominating win for placing, in which Roland took the win in 5:29.

The other Blue Jays to compete over the weekend were sophomore Jimmy Yeingst and senior Kurt Driscoll. Both competing in the 285 weight class, Yeingst came out of the event in sixth place and Driscoll would secure a fourth place spot, as the event wrapped up.

This opening event turned out to be a solid start to the season for the Jays. We will see how the season goes from here. Next weekend, the Blue Jays will travel to Collegeville, Pa. for the Racich Rumble.

The Racich Rumble Invitational will take place at Ursinus College on Saturday, Nov. 11. Good luck to the Etown wrestling team!

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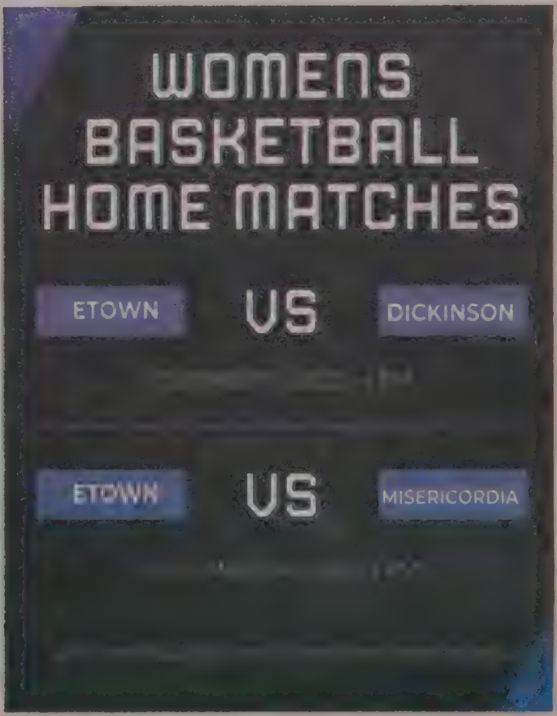
Junior Braden Schuyler wins first place in in his weight class in Etown wrestling's season opener.



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Science for the Soul: Why we eat chicken noodle soup when sick

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Nobody likes coming down with the common cold or the flu, but the frequency with which new cases appear during this time of year means a considerable number of people must contend with these commonplace diseases. Among comfort foods and medicines, one will typically reach for a warm bowl of chicken noodle soup to ease their aches and woes as people have been using this culinary delicacy to treat illnesses "since at least the 12th century," according to the National Library of Medicine. But what components of this remarkable stew make our illnesses easier to contend with? Is there a logical reason behind why this soup helps us feel better, or has chicken noodle soup only become associated with the treatment of illnesses via a metaphorical game of telephone?

Soups themselves have been found to help ease illnesses due to their fundamental characteristics. The Order of Saint Francis Healthcare website mentions a few foods that are preferable to consume when bedridden with sickness, but most of them involve liquids to an extent. Whether it comes in the form of a drink or a soup, keeping yourself hydrated during a bout with the flu or a cold is tantamount to keeping one's body functioning properly as the human body naturally responds to a disease by essentially trying to burn it away with a fever. This also affects the cells in one's body since they start to become dehydrated, hence why remaining hydrated while sick is so crucial.

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Feeling sick? Try eating chicken noodle soup to restore your health.

Additionally, chicken noodle soup becomes more of an illness-easing powerhouse thanks to its specific ingredients. An article from the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center breaks down the benefits one can receive from a bowl of chicken noodle soup while contending with an illness, as all the solid components—like the chicken, noodles and vegetables—provide a veritable buffet of nutrients for one's body, like vitamin C, carbohydrates and vitamin B. Chicken noodle soup ends up providing a considerable amount of the materials one's body needs keep functioning.

The rich and salty broth can also help one stay healthy during an illness since it provides another critical nutrient for the body. According to the National Library of Medicine and the Cleveland Clinic, electrolytes help keep the human body functioning properly, like how sodium—one of the essential components of ordinary table salt—fuels essential intercellular systems like active transport. However, one can lose electrolytes when undergoing something that causes the generation of excess sweat, such as "fever, diarrhea or vomiting," all symptoms most people have put up with when they contend with illnesses at some point in their lives.

Additionally, one should not underestimate the power that public opinion has on one's response to something. Even if one is unaware of the benefits mentioned above regarding chicken noodle soup, most people have presumably had a warm bowl of the commonplace stew during an illness at some point in their lives because of the preconceived notion that it helps one contend with said illnesses. This then brings forth the placebo effect—the phenomenon wherein believing that something can help with an issue, like nausea, causes the brain to work in conjunction with the body to reduce that symptom, according to the Harvard Medical School—and allows chicken noodle soup to provide psychological benefits. However, regardless of whether one knows of the health benefits of this well-known dish, everyone can agree on what the best benefit of this dish is: the satisfaction one can receive after eating a bowl of this tasty delicacy!

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Texas Rangers hang first World Series banner in franchise history

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The Texas Rangers handled business last week, taking down the Arizona Diamondbacks in five games to win their first World Series in franchise history! Their 5-0 title-clinching victory in game five sent fans into a frenzy, and it truly told the story of the 2023 Rangers. Superb pitching and timely hitting paved the way to this historic victory.

Shortstop Corey Seager earned World Series Most Valuable Player (MVP) with his heroic performance that included three long home runs and six runs batted in (RBI). His statement blast in the seventh to break up Arizona starter Zac Gallen's no-hitter was all Texas needed to take the World Series crown. He proved that postseason experience is key, taking the lead for a relatively inexperienced group of hitters when it comes to the postseason.

It was an unusually quiet game five from the group for the first eight innings. Hitters started to spray the ball around the diamond. It started with singles from Rangers rookie third baseman Josh Jung and first baseman Nathaniel Lowe. Catcher Jonah Heim followed with another single up the middle, but that's when disaster struck for Arizona. Young up-and-coming centerfielder Alek Thomas rushed to play the ball back in, but the ball snuck under his glove and rolled all the way to the wall, allowing two runs to score. Multi-million dollar second baseman Marcus Semien then delivered the knockout blow with a two-run shot. The five-run lead was all they needed, as the team flooded the field once the final out was recorded.

Starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi, who signed a 34 million dollar contract this offseason, did what he was signed to do, tight roping through six innings of shutout baseball. Trade deadline acquisition, reliever Aroldis Chapman contributed two-thirds of an inning himself, keeping the Diamondbacks off the board in the seventh. Then, reliever Josh Sborz, who pitched 12 frames this postseason to an earned run average of 0.75, went the rest of the distance and shut the door while striking out four.

It was a series not many would have expected coming into the postseason. It was certainly one where future stars were born, though. Rangers' rookies like Jung and outfielder Evan Carter as well as Diamondbacks' rookies outfielder Corbin Carroll and starter Brandon Pfaadt are just beginning to introduce themselves to the league, and both sides are just scratching the surface of their true potential. For Texas, this could be the birth of Major League Baseball's next dynasty. For Arizona, they could be the face of the National League in a couple of years.

Congrats to the Rangers. It was a great season and we'll see what happens in what should be a chaotic offseason, as baseball fans wait patiently for the 2024 season.

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Texas Rangers fans celebrate the team's first World Series in franchise history after a 5-0 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

COREY SEAGER IS THE FOURTH PLAYER TO BE NAMED WORLD SERIES MVP TWICE

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Precision Medicine: an advancement in disease treatment

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The world of medicine continues to expand through groundbreaking advances and the latest mechanisms to cure and treat diseases. An approach that continues to surface is a technique called Precision Medicine, an advancement that aims to treat diseases based on the individual carrier.

According to the Precision Medicine Initiative, this technique is "an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person." This advancement could allow researchers and other medical professionals to more accurately treat a disease based on the individual, as opposed to the conventional one-size-fits-all form of current interventions.

In 2015, former President Barack Obama announced the Precision Medicine Initiative, intended to revolutionize the improvement of health and research for treating diseases. Precision Medicine combines different fields, like metabolomics, genomics and biomedical data sciences, while also facilitating technologies in the process, such as artificial intelligence (AI), imaging and networking.

The UC Davis Precision Medicine Model summarized this technique's initiative to be an "intersection between people, their environment, the changes in their markers of health and illness, and their social and behavioral factors over time."

This form of care will require accurate testing to guide this individualized treatment formality. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) tests are "capable of rapidly identifying or 'sequencing' large sections of a person's genome and are important advances in the clinical applications of precision medicine." As researchers and physicians utilize these tests to determine genetic variants, it will promote an understanding of diseases and how to best treat them in an individualized scope.

However, the NGS does create regulatory issues for the FDA. The current regulatory mechanisms are meant for conventional diseases, meaning that they can detect a single condition or disease. The FDA describes these tests as "contain[ing] the equivalent of millions of tests in one." This has caused the FDA to work with laboratories, academia, stakeholders and patient and professional societies to accommodate this expansion of technology.

As of 2018, the FDA has recommended two guidelines for Precision Medicine: the submission and review of data to analyze the validity of NGS-based tests.

SEE MEDICINE PAGE 3

Etown offers M. Darlene Myer '66 Writers Award Scholarship for rising juniors

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Courtesy of Thatcher Baney

All rising juniors that are pursuing a major other than English are invited to apply for this writing scholarship.

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Last week, over the hill and down the hidden trail, I traveled to Elizabethtown College's own stunning Bowers Writers House. Within the quaint building, I had the opportunity to meet with Director of the Bowers Writers House Jesse Waters, who has been with the College for over 15 years. The topic of the evening was a unique scholarship gifted by alumni Darlene Myer '66. Our conversation carried on the short history of how this award came to be: as Waters was traveling to retirement communities giving a series of lectures he became acquainted with the Etown College Alumni. It would seem now that their conversation there was the genesis of something amazing.

The M. Darlene Myer '66 Writers Award Scholarship is an interdisciplinary award crafted for juniors of any major except English.

SEE SCHOLARSHIP PAGE 2

Students struggle for a seat at the table in the Marketplace

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Kamryn Mengel, a first-year at Elizabethtown College, is on a meal plan, like many of her peers. The meal plan allows her to get unlimited meals at the marketplace. One day after her first-year seminar (FYS) roundtable, she decided to go eat, since she'd been busy the entire morning with classes.

She couldn't find a single seat.

"There wasn't even anywhere to stand up," Mengel said. "So I just left."

Mengel isn't alone.

The College's enrollment has risen for three consecutive years, placing more students on the campus and in the dining hall. While enrollment is great for the College's fiscal status, current students aren't pleased with the spacing on campus.

"It's ridiculous," second-year Makenna Mummert said. "I come in with friends and we can't sit in one group. We have to split up and sit at different tables, sometimes by ourselves."

Mummert said Marketplace seating impacts her social life.

Courtesy of Kaleigh Christ

Some students are unhappy about the limited seating in the Marketplace and would like to see changes.

"Lunch is my break," Mummert said. "When I don't get to sit with my friends, it's really upsetting."

Seating in the College's main cafeteria is limited, and the rooms don't have a large amount of space to place more tables.

"At this point, they need to make another building for the cafeteria," first-year Megan Robbins said.

Robbins noted on days with popular food items, like tacos, seating isn't the only issue. Lines are only getting longer.

"I need to go to class and I can't wait in line for tacos for 30 minutes, but it was what I wanted to eat," Robbins said. "I was late for class today, and I wasn't able to focus because I was hungry."

One solution Robbins proposed was more food options.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In the digital space, much of the ongoing conversation is around how industries are going to react to the ongoing impact of artificial intelligence (AI). Technically speaking, it requires less manpower and is cheaper for most industries, but the quality varies greatly, and it hurts actual people for their jobs to be largely replaced. That has led to several strikes and lawsuits against AI as there is not a lot of existing legislation around what these companies behind AI can and cannot do. However, the industry has continued to expand and grow more competitive as more specific ideas come onto the market.

Character AI is one of these softwares. Former Google engineers Noam Shazeer and Daniel De Freitas founded it in 2021. It boasts a lot of fan-favorite characters including characters from popular film and television as well as real-life actors. These characters are both provided in-app by the developers and by users who get the opportunity to create their own bots of characters. Users can talk to the characters, and it aims to have realistic dynamics as the character/person would have based on the information provided by the person who created the bot.

In their statement about their purpose, Character AI's leadership team wrote that they are "dedicated to revolutionizing the way we interact with technology by developing advanced artificial intelligence systems that understand and emulate human-like conversations. Their core mission is to create seamless, engaging, and personalized communication experiences between users and AI-powered applications, bridging the gap between technology and human connection."

Like most of its predecessors and other softwares that are doing related work, such as ChatGPT, this software uniquely captures young people's attention and time. This software boasted that in their first six months, 60 percent of the 100 million people who have visited the website in the past month are in the age range of 18-24. That contrasts with more traditional media, such as television, that have been struggling to capture the attention of the younger demographic.

Yet, the impact does not stop at influencing the younger generation. This past March, Character AI earned $150 million in funding and had a $1 billion evaluation. This money comes not only from its investors during their fundraising but also from the premium subscription services which deviate from the free initial service and cost $9.99 a month. Users who choose this subscription can get faster and better access to their chatbots.

Google plans to invest in the chatbot, although the finalized idea is still in the works, as a part of their initiative to invest in AI. Although it is not often discussed, over the past decade, they have invested over $200 billion in AI and the acquisition and investment into AI softwares. Throughout this process, they use their own custom chip for handling AI, the Tensor Processing Unit. Currently, they have not made major strides in their progress and successes in AI as far as the public knows, but these more major moves during this time period could pay off.

Currently, Google's larger statement on the use of AI in the internet space reads, "We will strive to make high-quality and accurate information readily available using AI, while continuing to respect cultural, social, and legal norms in the countries where we operate." A balance between gaining information and not losing morality and ethics is one that many companies are going for as they venture further into AI.

If Google does continue to invest in AI, then the software will likely improve far beyond what consumers have seen thus far. As always, as consumers the general public must support AI software that does not steal information from others and makes statements on their own actions as well as software that they find genuinely interesting and engaging. AI will be a major part of the future, but the role it plays all depends on what happens in the years to come.

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Students are encouraged to apply for writing scholarship

This monetary opportunity for juniors who are non-English majors not only provides recipients with a newfound mentor but also allows students to create increased awareness of the importance of writing in all fields. To apply for this scholarship, students must be a rising junior, enrolled full-time, have a GPA of 3.2 or higher and once again not be an English major. The application consists of a 200-300 word proposal on the industry or profession that the student's career pathway leads to and how they could benefit from a mentorship opportunity, this is all due by Feb. 25, 2024. If selected, the student-mentor writing experience will span one semester during the senior year of the selected student. Furthermore, a financial award of an initial $250 alongside a $500 award upon completion of the program will be given to aid in student costs during the participation of the program.

Moving forward, the conversation of the evening turned towards the building we were in, the College's Bowers Writers House. As Waters writes on the website of the building, "Founded in the spring of 2010, Bowers Writers House at Elizabethtown College is an interdisciplinary venue for expression, study, presentation and performance. Created to promote and support a culture of 'creative curiosity,' Bowers Writers House brings a new sense of excitement and enthusiasm for intellectual diversity to our on- and off-campus communities." The building sits at 840 College Hill Lane and has not only the space but also the mission to support Etown students in whatever ventures they pursue.

While the building is a writer's house, it is much more unique than that as it represents an interdisciplinary mission to provide an opportunity for all on campus. Over its span on campus, the building has hosted over 340 scholars of all studies and all sorts of disciplines. While the building does host some community groups, Waters wants to encourage students to use the space as a home for some of their own organizations and clubs. To get in contact with Waters, he can be reached at watersj@etown.edu. To participate or view an event at the Bowers Writers House, you can visit their website at https://www.etown.edu/centers/writershouse/.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Bowers Writers House.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In Issue 8 a few weeks ago, I talked about the historic nature of Pa.'s statewide judicial elections taking place on Nov. 7. I failed to mention that one of the most important elections in the history of Pennsylvania was taking place in the City of Brotherly Love: the election of Philadelphia's 100th Mayor. The mayoral race saw Republican David Oh take on Democrat Cherelle Parker. There was no question who would win the election on Tuesday night, with Parker winning 73% of the votes cast in the heavily Democratic county.

Philadelphia hasn't elected a Republican Mayor since the 1947 election of Mayor Samuel. Parker is not only the first Black woman but also the first woman to hold the office and has promised a significant shift away from the current administration under Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney. Parker grew up under her grandparents' care in Philadelphia and attended public school before becoming a first-generation college student at Lincoln University. She earned a degree in education at Lincoln and went on to teach English as a Second Language to immigrants while pursuing a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In 2005, Parker was the youngest Black woman elected to the Pa. House of Representatives. During her tenure, she chaired the city's state delegation and encouraged public policy focusing on quality of life for the working class, seniors, women, children and families. Since 2015, Parker has served on the Philadelphia City Council and earlier this year won a deeply divided primary with 32% of the vote. Parker has promised to tackle the city's gun violence issue and speed up the city's transition towards clean and green energy.

Since the city's founding in the 1630s by Swedish colonists, Philadelphia has been an East Coast beacon of trade and opportunity for working-class immigrants. By 1950, there were over two million people living in Philadelphia County. In the latter half of the 20th century, deindustrialization and white flight to the suburbs saw the population of the city decline by 26 percent. Similar to other cities in the north during the 1960s and 1970s, inner-city Philadelphia became an increasingly impoverished Black and Brown community. Mayors throughout this period made empty promises to reduce crime, violence, drug use and other ills continuing to plague the city. By the 1980s, things had started to change as Mayor Wilson Goode and subsequent Mayor (and future governor) Ed Rendell encouraged the gentrification of inner-city Philadelphia.

Eventually, the traditionally Black and Brown neighborhoods in the western sections of the city were bulldozed into new properties designed to attract an upscale crowd of younger white people. Mayor Street continued the work of former mayors Goode and Rendell into the 21st century. Violent crime has been on the rise since the 2000s. What began as warring mafia factions in the 1970s and '80s has morphed into gang clashes today. Former mayors Nutter and Kenney continued to fight against a rise in the city's murder rate and the spread of drugs. Both failed to see significant results as Mayor Kenney's reforms targeting obesity and drug use were not supported by state politicians.

Since the year began, there have been 1,164 non-fatal shootings and 361 murders in the city. Philadelphia is once again ready for change under new leadership. Cherelle Parker's election as Philadelphia's 100th Mayor is truly groundbreaking and her administration may bring a breath of fresh air and deliver equitable change to a city that desperately seeks it.

Precision Medicine continues to expand

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Through these recommendations, the FDA aims to provide an "efficient and flexible oversight approach: as technology advances, standards can rapidly evolve and be used to set appropriate metrics for fast growing fields…"

As this form of "personalized medicine" continues to expand, it has already led to discoveries and FDA-approved treatments designed for specific characteristics.

Currently, Precision Medicine has been most effectively used during the COVID-19 pandemic with its various biomarkers, like the c-reactive protein which assesses the severity of the disease while analyzing the efficacy of vaccines. This mechanism is also "finding its place in management of infectious diseases, chronic diseases such as asthma, connective tissue diseases, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and obesity," according to PubMed Central.

Precision Medicine in oncology is taking a stance against the conventional methods of chemotherapy and radiation. As the patients normally have negative side effects to these treatments, like the loss of hair follicles or damage to the intestinal tract cells, Precision Medicine may propose a conventional treatment option. "Targeted therapy or precision oncology aims to mitigate the conventional adverse effects of chemotherapy, maintaining the effect on the cancer cell, utilizing target identification at extracellular level, cell membrane level, intracellular level and intranuclear level," PubMed Central stated.

As this technology continues to evolve, numerous challenges affect its ability to expand further. The issues regarding costs, ethics and the availability of trained professionals to manage the data and algorithms are limited.

As this "new age medicine" progresses, it will hopefully bring more future benefits to patients and their caregivers.

Students share concerns about limited seating in Marketplace

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Meal swipes can be used at certain times in the Jays Nest; however menu items in the Jays Nest don't rotate, and students can't get an unlimited amount of food like they can in the Marketplace, which is buffet style.

Meal swipes can also be used at the Fresh Nest for either ramen or a smoothie, but it isn't open until after lunchtime.

One student said she had no problem finding seats.

"I purposefully go to the marketplace when other people have class," second-year Allyia Kennedy said. "They need to rearrange it and add more tables, though."

Last weekend, Dining Services was busy curating food for prospective students at an Open House, another concern for students. According to a campus-wide email sent on wednesday, registration for one open house was up by 18 percent.

If Etown continues admissions at the level it has the past three years, it's only going to get harder to find seats. There are a limited number of independent living units with kitchens, and some students in independent living units still use the Marketplace.

It's not clear if Dining Services plans to take steps to address the issue. A representative from Dining Services did not respond to a request for comment.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The Vatican announced in a document on Wednesday, Nov. 8, that the Catholic Church will now allow transgender people to be baptized, serve as witnesses at weddings and be named as godparents under specific conditions.

These new rules came in response to a dubia, or a set of questions that seek clarification, from Bishop Giuseppe Negri of San Amaro, Brazil, that asked about transgender participation in the sacraments baptism and matrimony. It was sent to the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith of the Vatican and approved and signed by Pope Francis.

The document stated that the Church can baptize transgender individuals "if there are no situations in which there is a risk of generating public scandal or confusion among the faithful." However, it did not explain what constitutes a public scandal.

In order to serve as a godparent, the document said that individuals must pursue "a life in conformity with the faith and the task he or she assumes." The Vatican explained that "pastoral prudence" should also influence this choice, giving a priest some discretion in choosing the godparents in these situations.

Since his election to the papacy in March 2013 at the age of 76, Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken about welcoming those of LGBTQ+ identity into the Catholic Church. According to the Associated Press, he became the first pope in history to endorse same-sex civil unions in 2020, saying, "They are children of God." However, this and similar statements have sparked contention among Church leadership.

Just days after the response to the dubia was released to the public, the Vatican announced the removal of outspoken conservative Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas.

In June, the Vatican sent an apostolic visitation to the Diocese of Tyler that reviewed the bishop's "leadership" and "governance." The two U.S. bishops making the visitation found that "the continuation in office of Bishop Strickland was not feasible." According to Vatican news, the Vatican requested his resignation, but Bishop Strickland declined. As a result, Pope Francis decided to remove him.

Bishop Strickland has become a leading critic of Pope Francis and his stance on some social issues—even calling him out on social media.

"I believe Pope Francis is the Pope, but it is time for me to say that I reject his program of undermining the Deposit of Faith," he wrote on X, formerly Twitter, in May. "Follow Jesus."

Although the firing of the bishop is unrelated to the Vatican's announcement of expanding transgender inclusion in the Church, it signifies that under Pope Francis' leadership, the Catholic Church is becoming more open to progressive reforms.

These rivalries within the Catholic Church demonstrate that political polarization is affecting all corners of the world, creating challenges for the effective operation of government. However, this is unlikely to change, as it appears that hostilities will continue throughout the reign of Pope Francis.

Business Buzz

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I don't know about the rest of you, but I love coffee. It is always the best part of my week whenever my friends and I go out for coffee, and it has become an integrated part of my day. No other business has capitalized off of this love other than Starbucks. Still, they are reaching a point where their other competitors have begun doing similar innovative drinks for less money. In the U.S., Dunkin Donuts is Starbucks' main competitor. Dunkin is 27 percent cheaper than Starbucks, and Dunkin Donuts will give you a higher caffeine dosage than Starbucks. If you compare a regular latte, the price difference is 24.1 percent between these two competitors. Even though Starbucks has been better at its rewards program than Dunkin Donuts, it still needs to consider its next few moves.

Part of their long-term growth period is pairing with Apple to innovate their first "Green Apron Store." They hope to refine their tech and are receiving guidance from Amazon to reimagine their store experience to exemplify Amazon One's "Just Walk Out" stores. Though plans have not been officially released, this is one experience no one should miss out on.

This is an exciting partnership between companies that are both market leaders. This could test new technology that Apple would be able to perfect, entering into a new segment of the market. Amazon could see how their One's "Just Walk Out" fairs in a different atmosphere and clientele. These partnerships could also create unique and heightened profits clientele, and it could even share in more considerable losses.

This is one way they are trying to stay ahead of some of their main competitors who have come into their role of creative and personalized coffee like Dunkin' Donuts. Though they have snagged the market for coffee, this isn't satisfying their investors, only growing by one percent this past year. Starbucks has noticed this and has turned its attention to East China as its prize. According to the Wall Street Journal, "Tellingly, his replacement will be former Alibaba executive Wei Zhang. Schultz's ambition to grow Starbucks' store count from today's 37,000 to 45,000 in 2025 and 55,000 by 2030 hinges on one day making China the chain's top market. It has about 6,500 there today and pledged last year that it will open one every nine hours on average over the next three years."

Starbucks will create a new extension of its brand and then enter a new market with already established coffee companies, which will be a unique and challenging challenge. Starbucks will have to make sure its strategic plans and implementation of its strategies are thoroughly combed to not create distrust amongst its investors.

Features

Editor-in-Chief farewell

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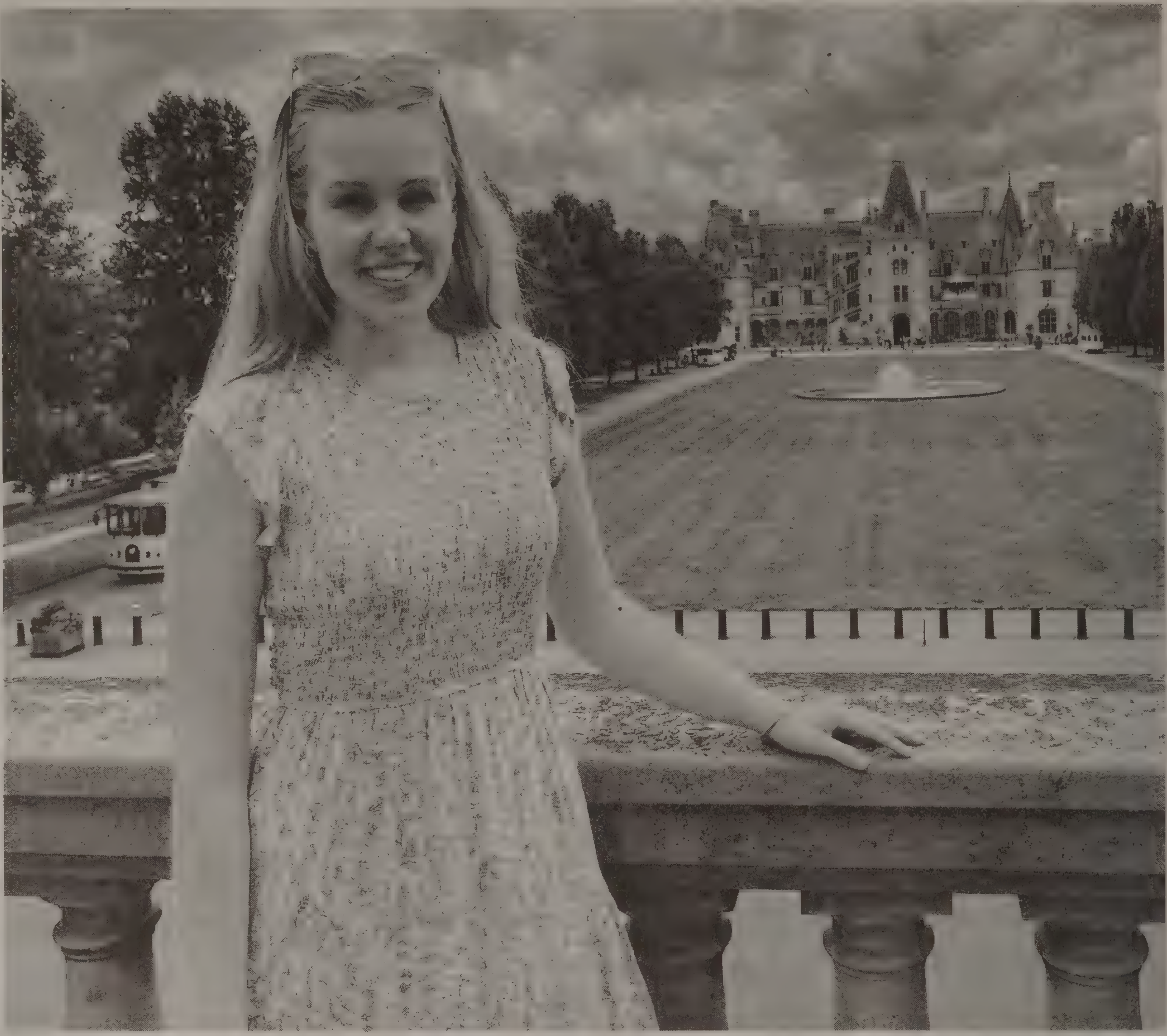
People have given me many confused looks over the years due to my involvement with The Etownian. "But you're an occupational therapy (OT) major," they'd say, waiting for me to protest. I would smirk; do my standard giggle, and respond with the answer that sent them into further bewilderment. "I am," I'd say. "And one day, I will credit The Etownian for shaping me into the practitioner I have dreamt of becoming."

Don't get me wrong, this was not the plan—I did not enter college dreaming of joining this paper or studying literature with Dr. Webster (who, by the way, is the best!) I enrolled in this school with one goal: to graduate with a Master of Occupational Therapy (MSOT). Though I was dedicated to the program and my future profession, I knew that something was missing during my first semester at Etown in the fall of 2019. With all my intense science classes, a passion of mine had been neglected: writing.

Writing has always been, and will always be, an important aspect of my life. Once I saw a flyer for The Etownian in the iconic Schlobby, I quickly composed an email stating my interest—I knew this could be the outlet that I desired. By the next week, I had been assigned my first Feature's story.

With that debut, my elatedness for writing had erupted once again, causing me to long for more ways to enhance my craft. I desired to grow my understanding of timeless pieces while studying the phenomenal authors behind them. After many meetings with Dr. Webster and strategically analyzing my OT schedules, I was able to become a double major in health sciences and English literature during my undergraduate career.



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Hanenfeld spent a year and a half as The Etownian's Editor-in-Chief, overseeing the newspaper's efforts of achieving First Place Classification in the American Scholastic Press Association's Scholastic Newspaper Awards.

As I balanced an unconventional course load, time quickly progressed throughout my position as a Features writer. Before I knew it, I became Assistant Features Editor in the fall of 2021 and Features Editor in the spring of 2022. I liked running my section and felt as though Bridget (the then Asst. Features Editor) and I had created a well-oiled machine. However, a surprising email quickly changed my journey with The Etownian.

"You are receiving this email because we believe you'd be a great candidate for the Editor in Chief of Managing Editor," former Managing Editor Elizabeth Cunningham wrote. I reread that email more times than I'd like to admit. In disbelief, I hesitantly responded that I was interested in meeting to discuss the different roles—and to double-check that she meant to send me that email. After that chat with the former editorial staff, I was officially assigned the Editor in Chief for The Etownian.

As I entered the fall 2022 school year, I was nervous as I began this position; knowing that I had the entire paper on my back was a heavy weight to carry. I wanted to change the structure of The Etownian and implement changes to help the paper continue to develop; some adjustments included earlier deadlines and stricter layout requirements. Though there were modifications with plenty of growing pains, our efforts were not in vain.

The Etownian was awarded First Place Classification in the American Scholastic Press Association's Scholastic Newspaper Awards, an achievement only given to 14 higher education institutions in the United States. Another critical achievement was establishing a system to compensate writers, a mechanism that had never been accomplished in The Etownian's history. These are only a few examples of what we, a dedicated and persevering staff, have accomplished in three semesters.

To say that I am proud of The Etownian and the extraordinary students who uphold this organization is a drastic understatement. This team has allowed this paper to advance in a way that I could not have imagined. I am thankful, and quite frankly speechless, that I was able to participate in such a special workplace for five years.

Thank you, our supporters and readers, for your weekly involvement with this paper. You allow us to share our enthusiasm for spreading news and creating a sense of community through words and design. Continue to stay up to date with The Etownian in the semesters to come—trust me, they won't disappoint you.

To The Etownian staff, thank you for allowing me to be your Editor in Chief for a year and a half. I will cherish every moment that I have spent working with you, including the times with InDesign crashing or late production nights. I cannot wait to see how The Etownian will continue to evolve as I finish my graduate program.

I already miss this, even though the reality of leaving The Etownian has not fully set in. Though I leave behind this paper to embark on fieldwork, I know this exceptional staff will continue to amaze me…it'll now just be from a distance.

Elizabethtown College students establish a community hockey team

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Photo courtesy of Lindy Stoner

The Rink Rejects are a conglomerate team of guys pouring their hearts and souls into building a platform and notoriety in local hockey.

The Rejects are on the rise through passion, hard work and dedication to the sport of ice hockey. The Rink Rejects recently joined a local league, hoping to bring community engagement and interest to the sport of hockey. The Rink Rejects started through interest by a few college students and local guys who missed the sport of hockey and wanted an outlet to play the game. Unlike other men's league hockey teams which are compiled with ex-professional players and semi-professionals, the Rink Rejects are driven purely by passion and dedication to the sport. You can find this dedicated team on the rink at Klick Lewis Arena in Palmyra, Pa. throughout the coming winter and spring. Some Rink Rejects members have been on the ice since they were eight or nine years old, while other guys only skated twice in their lives before their first game.

Determination to get better, grit and willpower can help drive the Rejects to success, but the team needs your support to grow their team and community impact. “We can bring energy around the game and show people how much fun this sport is on and off the ice,” Alternate Captain Ryan Ramler said. Not only do the Rejects want to provide locals an outlet to play hockey but they also plan on bringing energy off the ice through building an entertaining social media presence.

“I came into my college years wanting to play hockey and we didn't have a team so I want future students to have an opportunity to play hockey.”

~ Joseph White

After two official practices, the Rejects' first official game was on Nov. 8. While the score did not end positively, the grit and determination of the team was admirable. Players who were skating for the third or fourth time were going head-to-head against former professional players. Even though this year presented itself as a building year, the team and captains are going full force into trying to provide an outlet to play hockey for local young adults. “I came into my college years wanting to play hockey and we didn't have a team so I want future students to have an opportunity to play hockey,” Alternate Captain Joseph White said. Even if this year presents itself as a building year for the Rejects, the team is passionate about building community support and opportunities for locals.

Hockey brings people together,” Captain Jack Tim said. As the Rink Rejects build their team, community support and engagement are key. In the meantime, students and local community members can support the Rink Rejects by coming out to Klick Lewis Arena to cheer them on and promote the team through social media. “The best thing they can do is just show their love and support through social media,” said Tim. “We don't have to see it, they can just say it.” Support through social media and promoting this up-and-coming team is the primary aspect of supporting this dedicated group of athletes who want to create opportunities in the local communities.

The Rink Rejects are a conglomerate team of guys pouring their hearts and souls into building a platform and notoriety in local hockey. Some team members are Elizabethtown College students while others are local men who are dedicated to the sport and growing the Rink Rejects name and team.

The Rink Rejects are headed by four captains: Ramler, Jack Tim, first-year Etown student Joseph Walko, and White. Each of the captains and team members brings different skill sets to the team as they all have different backgrounds in the world of hockey but are all driven by the same passion to grow the game and raise community involvement. Ramler, Tim and White have all been playing hockey for many years. Walko on the other hand just recently laced up his skates for the first time. “I always wanted to play hockey,” Walko said, “but I never had the opportunity.” Now, Walko, along with some of his teammates, finally have an opportunity to explore their passion for hockey.

Lookimg to the future, the older players on the team like Ramler, Tim and White are building a solid foundation of a team that younger players like Walko can carry on after their time as students at Etown is done. “I have three more years to learn about the game, help out the older guys and help us grow as a team,” Walko stated.

If you want to come to support the Rink Rejects as they build their team, you can follow their Instagram @rinkrejects and #riseoftherejects for more information concerning scheduling and events. You can also come out to support them on game day at Klick Lewis Arena in Palmyra, only a 20-minute drive from Elizabethtown. The team would love your support and love as they work to grow community involvement and the game of hockey in the greater Elizabethtown area.

Dungeons and Dragons undergoes renaissance at Etown

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It's almost midnight. You and your friends are huddled around a table in one of the old lab rooms on campus after hours. You are up to your ankles in sheets of paper, calculations and logs of items, tallying up numbers from dice rolls. But you're not here because of a project or a mathematics test you haven't studied for. You're here because within these sheets of paper and dice rolls is the highlight of your week, the chance to unwind with your buds and make it big in a fantasy world of your own design.

Dungeons and Dragons (or D&D, as it is colloquially referred to) is a role-playing game developed in the late 1970s where a group of players follow along a hand-created narrative orchestrated by another member in a fantasy setting. Recently, however, D&D has taken on new life among young adults, and the students of Elizabethtown College are no exception.

D&D as a hobby has taken off from its humble roots and from under the scrutiny of contemporary media, which was supposedly concerned about it being a source of demonic influence among the youth. Such fellow subversive elements also included rock-and-roll and video games, but D&D took its time in becoming labeled as being somewhat niche among the masses and not just belonging in the domain of severe geekdom.

While it doesn't have an official club dedicated to it, there is a noticeable presence on-campus of students interested in role playing games, with various clubs like the Gamer's Guild, Chemistry Club and even the Spanish Club organizing informal sessions with their fellow members. Senior Charlie Carberry, who is currently trying their hand at managing a campaign for the first time, had this to say about the underground interest in the game here at Etown.

"I would say that D&D is popular, but it's more of a subculture on campus rather than a super popular like Bingo is," Carberry said. "There are a lot of people who love D&D, but it's also a little scary to get into if you don't really know anyone who's into it already."

According to former student senator Francesco Mancini-Menditto '26, the COVID-19 pandemic was a key factor in garnering a great deal of student investment in the game, as online avenues of playing the game became more available using video-messaging apps and online tools like D&D Beyond to still conduct sessions while the world went into lockdown.

"We were all isolated and had no idea when things would get back to normal," Mancini said. "We started with three people and quickly became seven, and we did it as a way to maintain a sense of socialization and normalcy in a hectic time."

DUNGEONS
DRAGONS

Photo courtesy of Stephentown library

D&D is a role-playing game where players follow along a narrative orchestrated by another player in a fantasy setting.

Even if public opinion on the game hadn't taken a complete reversal from the 1970s, there are other reasons to warrant a great deal of interest in the game nowadays. Students on campus have found that the level of immersion and escapism is a massive draw, and the flexibility in gameplay structure and rules allows for a great deal of player freedom.

"The appeal? Giving people a chance to escape day to day life and being able to just have fun," second-year Amelia Ingersol said when asked about the game's appeal. "There's no real constrictions because it's all imagination."

It's clear to see that, whether it's through the use of random-number-generated dice simulation or over laminated maps in Nicarry Hall, students here at Etown are finding enjoyment with each other in the rolling of dice and the developing of characters.

ECDT hosts first annual "Dancing with the Jays" competition

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The Elizabethtown College Dance Team (ECDT) announced that they will be hosting the first annual "Dancing with the Jays" contest, which is a spin-off of the show "Dancing with the Stars." Each ECDT member has selected one member of the student body to be their partner in the competition. The partnered dancers will play the role of a pop culture character, such as Ice Spice or Barbie. There will even be a professors' dance for the crowd to enjoy.

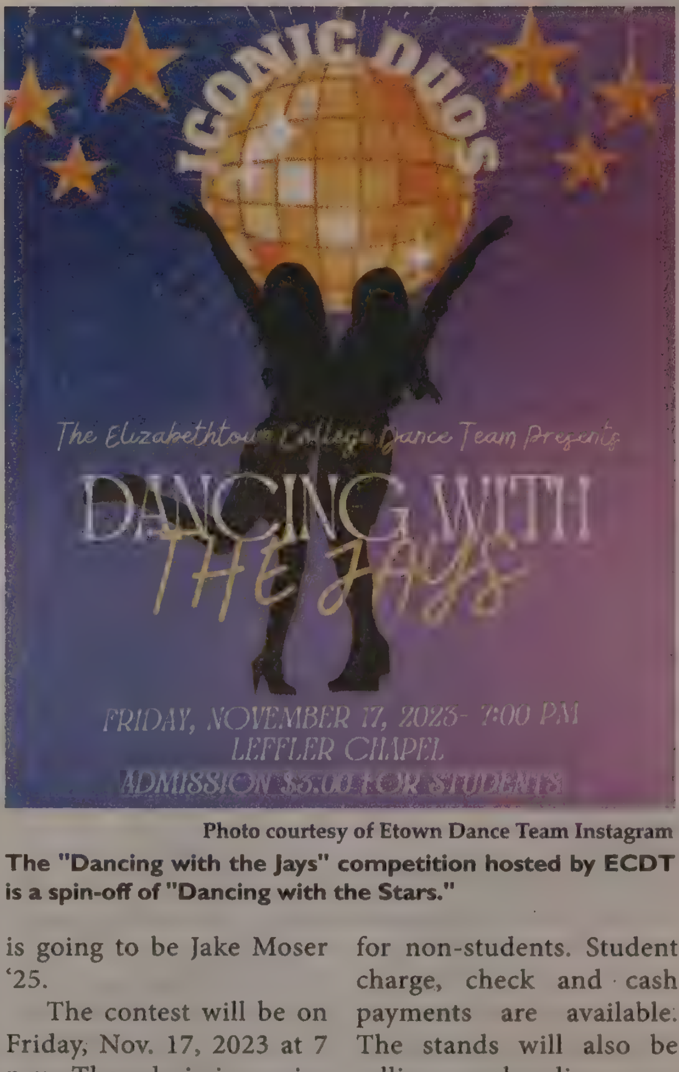
The contest will be held in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, providing a great setup for dancing performances complete with audio and visuals to fully immerse the crowd and give the participants a memorable experience. These are important additions, as the participants are encouraged to take up the personalities of their pairings, and being able to show the crowd their energies is a way of showcasing their different talents.

"I can't wait for the school to see everybody's hard work that went into this show," ECDT Social Media Manager and senior Olivia Fabiano said. "It's been years in the making and we are so proud of everyone involved in the show both behind the scenes and on the stage. My position in ECDT is super hands-on and involved, but I like it that way."

"Luckily my job goes hand-in-hand with my major in marketing, so I've been lucky enough to be able to add my work as the social media manager to my portfolios for my future," Fabiano continued. "Marketing is my passion and what I want to do with the rest of my life, and it's amazing to be able to combine my two favorite things, especially because it's for ECDT, who are my family."

The competition pairings announced so far are: Samhar Almomani '24 and Emma-li Peters '24, Will Mickulik '26 and Kaylee Giaquinto '27, Olivia Nafe '26 and Kaitlyn Davis '26, Phil Phillips '24 and Olivia Fabiano '25, Alex Lynch '24 and Heather Guthrie '24, Gavin Toy '27 and Emma Haab '26, Lindy Stoner '26 and Gabby Petridge '26, Emma Bitner '25 and Lauren Wallace '24, Merzadee Buys '25 and Olivia Sullivan '25, Neena Thomas '27 and Amanda Mormon '27, Katelyn Ritchey '25 and Alyssa Crane '25, and Lin Bangs '27 and Julia Perella '27.

The hosts have been announced as Will Rhodunda '24 and Mikayla Close, and the announcer is going to be Jake Moser '25.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The "Dancing with the Jays" competition hosted by ECDT is a spin-off of "Dancing with the Stars."

The contest will be on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023 at 7 p.m. The admission price is $3 for students and $5 for non-students. Student charge, check and cash payments are available. The stands will also be selling merchandise.

Horoscopes: What Park City Center store should you shop at?

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After a long week of stressful classes and homework piles that never seem to end, a shopping trip is sometimes all you need. Even just walking around the mall can be a great change of scenery after looking at our (lovely) campus all week. So Jays, for this week of the Horoscopes, let's find out what store at the Park City Center you are based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising to plan the perfect shopping spree!

Aries- The first stop on any mall trip is to get coffee. You need your caffeine if you're going to shop 'til you drop. Your store is Starbucks! I won't tell anyone if you go twice.

Taurus- I know a mall is your worst nightmare, considering your homebody nature, so why not get something to cozy up your space? Your store is Bath & Body Works.

Gemini- You need a store that you can truly get lost in and one that has a bit of everything. A specialized store will bore you, so check out Kohl's!

Cancer- You're a loyal person and the one your friends rely on. Find the perfect, dependable pair of shoes at Famous Footwear.

Leo- You, dear Leo, are Auntie Anne's. No trip to the mall is complete without an indulgent treat, and who are you to deny yourself?

Virgo- You take pride in your appearance, in taking care of yourself and always looking your best. So, the place to spend too much money on too few items is Sephora.

Libra- Unfortunately, dear Libra, your love for harmony doesn't always get fulfilled. Thus, you need something to help relieve the stress. Find your new best buddy at Build-A-Bear Workshop!

Scorpio- It should come as a shock to no one that you had an emo phase. You probably still blast My Chemical Romance on a weekly basis. So, your store is Hot Topic.

Sagittarius- I would bet that you're a bookworm, Sag, and that you always have your nose in a book. Find your next read at Books-A-Million. You'll get an arm workout carrying all those books!

Capricorn- You're destined for success, Capricorn, and everyone knows it. Make sure you look the part when you take over the world by shopping at JCPenney.

Aquarius- One of your best traits is your marvelous sense of style, Aquarius. You always look good! Keep up with the latest trends at American Eagle!

Pisces- Art and creativity are your two passions, and you would prefer to make something rather than buy it. Get the best of both worlds at Color Me Mine!

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Park City Center is located only 25 minutes away from the College which makes it the perfect shopping destination!

Media Review

Rediscover this iconic and underrated film, Atlantis: The Lost Empire, and learn how it has become a cult classic

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This week, I'd like to discuss one of my favorite films to date, "Atlantis: The Lost Empire." Unfortunately, it is one of Disney's most underrated films and is relatively unknown. Every time I talk about this movie, I always hear, "I've never even heard of that one!" or "Oh, I forgot about that movie!" It makes me sad because I know this film had the potential to be a fan favorite to plenty of Disney fans out there, but today it is only known as a cult classic.

There is a documentary that's free to watch on YouTube about the making of Atlantis, and I encourage everyone interested in this movie or animation in general to watch it. Not only does it go into depth about the writing and animation aspects of the film, it discusses the issues and push-back the team faced during production. Directors Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise discussed making "Atlantis" shortly after finishing "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

So much went into this movie; an entire written and spoken language was developed for the film, specific drawing styles were developed and hours of both drawn and almost fully animated scenes were scrapped to keep the film under 90 minutes. What I always find myself going back to is how the final scene's shot was drawn on multiple animation cells put together to create that zoom-out of the entire city of Atlantis.

The heart of Atlantis lies with the characters that appear in this film. "Atlantis: The Lost Empire" came out in 2001, yet it is one of the most diverse Disney films from its era. The characters in this film all feel real, not like caricatures or jokes. A young man raised by his grandfather, an Afro-Indigenous army medic, an 18-year-old Latina who serves as the chief mechanic and a POC warrior princess who was technically Disney's first princess to become a queen, just to name a few.

This film is known for its notable and hilarious cast. They don't just feel like kid's cartoon characters, they feel real and fit perfectly into the film's 1900's semi-steampunk aesthetic. This film isn't afraid to use these characters either: they fight, shoot at each other, they nearly curse and they have tangible goals and motivations. Even the villains are entertaining and, despite their 2-D world, are very 3-dimensional.

Unfortunately, "Atlantis: The Lost Empire" was made during the end of an era. In the early 2000's, Disney was pushing for less 2-D animated films and more 3-D animation. With computer software becoming more developed, Disney wanted to step away from the tried-and-true traditions of classic animation styles.

My problem with Disney's treatment of this film stems from the fact that "Atlantis" did use 3-D animation. It blends the styles in such a way that the animation still stands up today, but its stellar cast, soundtrack, visuals and plot just wasn't enough for Disney and most viewers.

Disney also didn't market this film well and spoiled who the main villain was and the major plot points in the trailers. It was also released around the same time as "Shrek," contributing to "Atlantis'" flop. It earned only $186 million worldwide, barely surpassing its $120 million budget.

I will always love this film, despite what the box office or critics say. I mourn for the discarded plans to create Atlantis themed rides in Disney World's Adventureland and the reception of the film itself, but I can still remember what really mattered to me when I sat down in front of our family TV and popped in my favorite VHS tape. The music swelled, the Atlantean letters shifted and revealed:"Atlantis: The Lost Empire."

Photo Courtesy of Nebulan on DeviantArt

Have you seen this underrated 2001 Disney film? This artist's rendition depicts one of the most iconic scenes from the movie.

Students of Etown

Meet Heather Guthrie and learn about her bond with ECDT

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From one stage to the next, senior Heather Guthrie dances, teaches and choreographs all over Elizabethtown, Pa.

Guthrie teaches seven classes at E-Dance Center in Elizabethtown, with students ages 3-18 years old. She has taught a range of levels and abilities since her first year at Elizabethtown College.

"I love it. Dance teachers were some of the most influential people in my life, and to be on the other side has been transformational for me," Guthrie said.

Guthrie is the captain of the Elizabethtown College Dance Team (ECDT) on campus as well. She choreographs four dances a year for the highly talented group and coordinates campus events for the team like One Elle of a Night, a charity fundraiser for the Elle Foundation, raising money for wishes for children with recurring cancer, and Dancing with the Jays.

"This team means everything to me. We are a student-run group, so we do it all together and from scratch," Guthrie said. "We're all like sisters. The team is so close which makes all the work we do so much easier."

As the choreographer of the E-motion dance "Another Day of Sun," Guthrie has the largest dance in the club with 48 dancers. She choreographs for varying levels and experience, together in a production-style number.

This is Guthrie's first time choreographing for E-motion since being in the club from her first year. "It blows my mind that this many people wanted to be in my dance," Guthrie said. "I choreographed my first ever dance my sophomore year of college for E-Dance and never would have thought I would be doing what I do now."

Guthrie dances every Sunday through Wednesday with all the dance commitments she is a part of. On Wednesdays, Guthrie dances for eight hours straight, going from E-Dance Center to Emotion, to ECDT, back-to-back.

"She puts her all into the dance team and her job as a dance teacher, choreographing at any and all hours of the day and night. She was made for dance, you can just tell," senior Madison Fischer, Guthrie's roommate, said.

This is Guthrie's third full year dancing with ECDT. Her first year was impacted by COVID with little dancing happening at all. The team regrew into their roots with her the past three years.

"I never felt that connection my first year. We barely danced and it didn't feel like much of a team," Guthrie said. "I feel like as I grew at Etown, the team grew alongside me."

Guthrie makes lasting impacts on peers' lives. "Having Heather as my captain has changed my life… She doesn't only inspire me in a leader and dance setting, but in everything she does," junior ECDT member Olivia Fabiano said.

A dance choreographed to depict women's suffrage is Guthrie's favorite piece she has choreographed.

Guthrie is a Peer Mentor for the first-year seminar "Statistics Through Tabletop Gaming" as well.

Guthrie recently completed her first round of level one fieldwork for occupational therapy. She was the first ever Etown student to be placed at the Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center.

Guthrie inspires all around her and continues working at her craft. She is a leader on campus and teaches along the way.

Photo courtesy of Tim Miller

Guthrie has been in ECDT since her first year, and feels closer to her team now more than ever.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2023

Nov. 17: Dancing With the Jays

Nov. 18: Phalanx Winter Show

Nov. 19: Fall 2023 College-Community Orchestra Concert

Nov. 20: Student Chamber Recital

Nov. 21: Senior Financial Exit Counseling

Nov. 23: Fake fireplace, real conversation

Nov. 23-25: November Break

Nov. 29: Holiday Concert

Nov. 30: Crafts & Conversations

Dec. 1-2: Emotion Fall Showcase

Dec. 3: Fall 2023 Winter Choral Concert

Dec. 4: Monday Incident Review

Dec. 6: Finals Reading Day

Dec. 6: DIY Body Scrub

Elizabethtown College History Fact

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Ira R. Herr was a teacher at several colleges and served in World War I as a 1st Lieutenant in a field artillery unit of the army. He coached many sports incuding the basketball team at Etown after helping to establish Etown's intercollegiate athletic program.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on Ira R. Herr by Jeremy Eberly, Dylan Everly, Matthew Hetrick and Eli Perry.

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Local Business Review

Grab a specialty drink and baked good while supporting your local small businesses at WhirliGig and EVO

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Are you looking for a shop that's warm, cozy and inviting? Are you a fan of drinking coffee, shopping for gifts and trying on cute clothes? Last but not least, do you like to treat yourself to charming gifts and trinkets from small businesses with kind shop owners? If so, then WhirliGig Unique Boutiques is definitely worth adding to your bucket list.

Located on S. Market Street in Elizabethtown, WhirliGig is a gift shop/boutique that shares a space with its sister company, EVO 206 Coffee Co. To get into WhirliGig, you first have to enter EVO, which has something for everyone. When you step through the coffee shop's entrance, you're welcomed by warm scents of espresso, comfy chairs and seats, and greetings from the kind employees.

EVO has a wide variety of flavors, from hazelnut to mocha to anything seasonal. I personally love to get a warm or iced latte before shopping at WhirliGig–it makes the shopping experience even cozier. If coffee isn't your thing, though, EVO has hot chocolate, baked goods and even meals such as avocado toast and paninis. They also have a 10 percent student discount, which can be used if you show your Elizabethtown College ID to the employees.

To the left of EVO is WhirliGig, a boutique selling items from over eighty vendors. Independently owned, WhirliGig supports shopping small. Almost all of their items are handcrafted and locally made, ranging from jewelry to tote bags to adorable hair accessories. They also sell clothes, food, keychains, mugs, self-care products, home decor, stickers and more. If you're in the market for holiday gifts or stocking stuffers, WhirliGig will have something that fits your needs.

My personal favorite purchases from WhirliGig are jewelry pieces. I especially love my boba earrings, which are still on sale toward the front of the shop. I also like to buy their headbands, wax melts, seasonal gifts and stickers, all of which are affordable for college students.

The staff at WhirliGig are wholeheartedly kind and inviting. From the moment you enter the shop, you're either greeted by one of the staff or by the shop owner, both of whom can help you find whatever you need. Whether you strike up a casual conversation with them or you just share a smile, they'll be sure to brighten up your day.

In addition to sharing its space with EVO, WhirliGig borders Cider Press Market and Now Wear This. Cider Press Market primarily specializes in furniture redesign, but they also sell home goods and other gifts. Meanwhile, Now Wear This is a consignment shop that buys and sells cute clothes. I highly recommend either of these shops for those looking to buy charming gifts and shop small.

WhirliGig is my favorite shop in Elizabethtown because of its snug, home-like environment. I always feel safe and welcomed there. I love to go there with a coffee from EVO in hand as I shop for my next find, whether it's for myself or someone else. No matter what, WhirliGig will have something that catches your eye.

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Why isn't Rory looking forward to the end of the semester?

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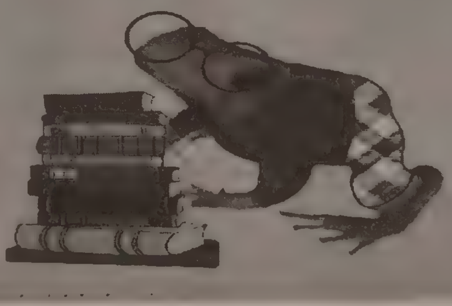

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet Lou Lou the guinea pig, the very dramatic gentleman

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Pets bring incredible joy into the lives of their families with their presence and personality. So for our final issue of the fall semester, meet Louis the guinea pig! He belongs to The Etownian's very own Editor-in-Chief, graduate student and occupational therapy major Sophie Hanenfeld, who lovingly calls him Lou Lou for short.

Lou Lou has brown and white fur and a silly tuft of hair on his head that fans out and parts in the middle, making it look like a hole. According to Hanenfeld, he has quite the attitude for such a small piggie, but ultimately, he's very sweet and affectionate.

"Lou Lou is very prissy but portrays it in a cute and quirky way," she said. "He loves to be with me but will start squeaking if I pet him too much." Hanenfeld jokingly acknowledged his annoyance, calling him "the most dramatic pig you will ever meet."

Like most guinea pigs, Lou Lou has a lot of energy and loves to "popcorn" and jump around his cage when he's happy. He also likes to adorably greet Hanenfeld whenever he sees her. "Any time I walk into my room, he will get up and come say hi for a nose boop," she said.

Hanenfeld found him at a local pet store during her senior year at Elizabethtown College. "I saw him and instantly felt a connection," she said. "I knew he was meant to be my piggie."

She decided to name him Louis because it made him sound like a distinguished gentleman, similar to her previous guinea pig Augustus, whom she referred to as Gus.

"Gus sadly passed away before my senior year of college," Hanenfeld said. "He had been with me my sophomore and junior years and helped me through a lot. I didn't think I could get another guinea pig because I was really heartbroken over his loss."

Although she wasn't expecting to find another guinea pig, Lou Lou brings Hanenfeld a great deal of joy and she loves him dearly, evidenced by the vast enthusiasm she had while talking about him.

However, Gus wasn't Hanenfeld's first guinea pig, either. Growing up, she had a guinea pig named Sweetie Pie, which inspired her to find a new animal friend for her home in Etown.

"I've always loved animals, and I knew that at college, I'd still want to have a companion," she said. "I knew that having a piggie in college would be the perfect critter for me. I've always been a fan of piggies, and I find them to be the most adorable creatures."

Photo courtesy of Sophie Hanenfeld

Although Louis is a bit of a drama queen, he is a very sweet little guy and loves being around his favorite human, Sophie.

Local Sightseeing

Before winter break, visit this local historical site

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As that distinct cold weather begins to circulate in the air with the holiday season closely approaching, Elizabethtown College students are becoming restless and ready for the long winter break. Before heading home for the holidays, be sure to take advantage of all the sightseeing and attractions centered around winter.

A breathtaking illustration of the season is located right here in Elizabethtown. Believe it or not, it was recently moved into our very own college town from Dauphin County. The Star Barn was built in 1877 after the land was purchased by Colonel John Motter. He used the barn primarily to display his horses, which he was in business selling for use in the Civil War. A man of many talents, Motter was also both the president of a bank and the owner of a hotel.

A great representation of U.S. agriculture during this time, The Star Barn served many purposes, from housing animals to producing dairy. As highways began to develop around the once-rural area, the barn became at risk of closing. Tragically, all economic production and farming were lost in 1986.

This is not to say that the concerned community did not rally their best efforts around the cause. Organizations and groups grew in support of The Star Barn, aiming to restore it to its former glory as a well-known historical site. This simply was not enough to save it—at least while keeping it where it was.

The best solution, then, was to move The Star Barn to another location. Away from the hustle and bustle of the quickly developing Middletown, Pa., the barn could reclaim its renowned reputation. Coincidentally, The Star Barn was moved to our own Elizabethtown around 2016.

Now, the barn sits on 275 acres of magnificent natural beauty. The restored property is settled down into our adored nook of Pennsylvania, where it is no longer at constant threat by development. The barn now serves as its own source of economic success.

Over the past several years, The Star Barn has served not only as a continuous historical landmark representing the endurance and hard work of our Pa. ancestors, but also as a stunning tourist location and event venue. Particularly during this time of year, when the holidays are quickly approaching, the barn serves as lodging, houses a Christmas village and even displays a colorful holiday lights show. Visitors can even attend a delectable Christmas dinner event throughout the month of December which showcases The Star Barn's carefully renovated interior. Warm lighting and classic holiday decorations fill each nook and cranny as peoples' laughter permeates the air with cheer.

As a break from the stress and chaos of this final stretch of the semester, be sure to take a trip down to The Star Barn before heading home for the holidays. Take advantage of the barn in its prime season, appreciating the time and perseverance of those who worked effortlessly to restore it.

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In order to preserve this historical building, The Star Barn was moved from rapidly developing Middletown to our own scenic Elizabethtown in 2016.

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Etown Basketball kicks off 2023 Season

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's basketball teams kicked off their seasons last week on Saturday, Nov. 11. It was the second game for the men's team, as on Wednesday, Nov. 6, the men's team took down Cabrini University for their first of the season. On Saturday, they welcomed Stevenson University to Etown for a game they'd lose 91-78. For the women's team, it was their first game of the season on Saturday against Dickinson College. It was a back-and-forth matchup, but the Blue Jays came out on top 64-56.

The men's team opened Saturday's slate at 2 p.m. Sophomore guard Austin Finarelli was the hot hand for the Jays. He dropped 20 points, shooting 50 percent from the field and 4/6 from three-point range. Junior guard Rance Russo was the team's second-leading scorer with 14 points, earning his points at the free throw line. Senior forward Dylan Rowe also had an efficient day with an 11-point performance that included a perfect field goal percentage. Two other Blue Jays found their way into double figures with junior guard Alon Gorham providing 11 points off the bench and sophomore guard Ben Stanton with 10 points.

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko, Elizabethtown College Athletics

The Etown Women's Basketball team had a strong opening this season, winning by 9 points.

While they lost, Etown kept it close early. It looked to be a strong first half for the Jays, going up by as many as 13 points with a little over five minutes to play in the first half. However, Stevenson slowly but surely cut into Etown's lead. With less than 20 seconds to go, they'd knot it up to 41. Gorham's last effort at the buzzer was no good, and the teams headed into the half all square.

Unfortunately, Stevenson would use the momentum they found at the end of the first half to catapult them out in front in the second. The Blue Jays did their best to keep it within striking distance, but the deficit proved to be too much, losing the home opener 91-78.

It was a successful season opener for the women's team. Preseason All-American junior guard Summer McNuty.led the way in scoring with 18 points and five assists, going 6-6 from the charity stripe. Sophomore and senior guards Makenna Mummert and Cyleigh Wilson went shot-for-shot with each other, both supplying 14 points for the team and shooting 50 percent from the field. Junior forwards DaniRae Renno and Jessica King also provided crucial efforts, attacking the boards for 10 and eight rebounds respectively.

The Blue Jays had the edge early on, going into the second quarter up two, but the offense sputtered in the second. Dickinson stole the lead early in the second quarter and went up seven with five minutes to go. The Blue Jays stayed focused though, as they headed into the locker room only down two.

The second half is where Etown took off, and it was an especially strong effort in the third quarter. McNulty found her rhythm as soon as the quarter started, scoring eight of the Blue Jays' first 10 second-half points. It seemed to be smooth sailing from that point on for the home team, holding a two-possession lead since the five-minute mark of the third. By the time the final buzzer sounded, Etown was celebrating an eight-point victory.

With the season and home openers out of the way, Etown's basketball teams are ready to attack another season. This upcoming weekend, the men's team will be back home for a bout with King's College on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. The women's team will be back at it on Friday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. where they'll travel to Newport, Va. for the Christopher Newport University Tournament. The team will have a matchup with East Texas Baptist University that Friday and will face Christopher Newport on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.

Athlete of the week: Drew Bridges

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Drew Bridges manages to keep up an impressive record in Field Hockey while also keeping up with their studies.

Drew Bridges, a sophomore field hockey player and chemistry major, is this issue's Athlete of the Week. She had eight goals, one assist, 50 shots and 37 shots on goal. Bridges was the leading goal scorer for our Jays this year, followed by first-years Hannah Long and Mia Fino.

Starting her field hockey career at 11 years old following her neighbor giving her an old stick, Bridges began with camps and clinics and fell in love with the sport. Being a two-sport athlete (lacrosse in the spring) and a STEM major isn't easy, with a challenging schedule and most of her free time being taken up with sports. Etown being NCAA Division Three does help this though, with a slightly smaller time commitment towards sports. Bridges' biggest role model and supporter is her dad, who is always there and excited when she plays; his presence at games always makes her play better, with her calling him her number one fan.

One of her favorite parts about field hockey is the matches, especially against the better teams. According to Bridges, "It makes you play more intensely, fiercely and better than you could before," leading to a more accomplished feeling after the games. Her favorite part about field hockey at Etown is the players and atmosphere, with a lot of her best and closest friends being on the team. She loves competing with her teammates, believing that friendly rivalries and competition makes everyone better.

Bridges is extremely proud of making the All-Conference Second Team, showing to her that all her hard work this season paid off, and is also proud of her team for helping her have this opportunity. While the team didn't make it as far as they would've liked in the playoffs, Bridges said it was the best game they played all season.

As with most athletes, Bridges does have some good luck charms and routines before games. One that she's had since high school is her mismatched socks/sleeves, which are unfortunately covered by the long field hockey socks; she typically rocks a banana-patterned sleeve on one leg and a cartoon bear sleeve on the other.

One of the biggest things Bridges takes from the pitch to her day-to-day life is confidence. She believes that to succeed in sports and life, you must have confidence and take pride in what you do. Like many students, she's a nervous test taker, but she's able to remind herself that she's got it and can succeed, this applying to academics and sports.

Having volunteered a lot with youth field hockey in the past, Bridges would love to be able to coach high school field hockey in her post-college life. She says coaching anywhere would be awesome as you get to help them do something they love and aid them in playing in college and beyond. Her one word of advice for younger players is that if you love doing something (specifically field hockey), keep doing it. You don't have to know everything as even Bridges herself continues to learn new things.

Congratulations to Bridges for making the All-Conference Second Team and for being the Etownian's Athlete of the Week, and best of luck in the future with field hockey and school.

NFL Midseason Review

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We are just over halfway through the 2023 National Football League (NFL) season, and it's been a tremendous first 10 weeks. From standout rookies to stars on pace to rewrite the history books, there are many storylines catching the eyes of the football world. This regular season has the chance to be one of the greatest, with so many great teams duking it out as we near the playoffs. So, here are the top midseason storylines:

The Miami Dolphins and Philadelphia Eagles reached their bye weeks this past Sunday. One other thing that these two teams have in common? Their superstar wide receivers have their eyes set on Calvin Johnson's receiving yards record. The record of 1,964 yards has stood for over 10 years, but Miami and Philadelphia's wide receivers Tyreek Hill and A.J. Brown are torching NFL defenses this year. The pair have amassed 1,076 and 1,005 receiving yards through nine games. For Hill, the lethal speed threat is on pace to break the record with 2,032 by the end of his campaign. Brown, on the other hand, is on pace for 1,898 yards, 66 yards short, but within striking distance. While Hill and Brown do have the fortune of playing a 17th game as opposed to the 16 played back in 2012, they'll have to lock in if they want any chance at topping Johnson's historic season.

The American Football Conference (AFC) North is the hottest division in all of football. From top to bottom, the division is loaded with playoff contenders. The Baltimore Ravens, Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals are all hovering above .500. The Ravens lead the charge at the top with one of the league's best defenses, but the Bengals are ready to pounce this week on Thursday Night Football. It should make for a fun matchup with two high-powered offenses going to war. The Steelers and Browns are more about the defensive side of the ball, as both offenses have struggled. Pass rushers Myles Garrett for the Browns and T.J. Watt for the Steelers headline their groups, each vying to be this year's Defensive Player of the Year. The AFC North will be a dogfight the rest of the way and if your team stands in their way, beware of their terrifying defenses.

Rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud has taken no time to adjust and is playing like one of the league's elite quarterbacks. His electric start to his career includes 2,626 passing yards, 17 total touchdowns and just two interceptions through nine games. This has all been done while keeping the Texans' heads above water in the AFC playoff picture. With each passing week, it feels like no rookie passing record is safe. The Ohio State University product came out guns blazing going 191 pass attempts before throwing his first pick, a rookie record. Then, in week nine, Stroud showed out, slinging it for a single-game rookie record 470 yards in a jaw-dropping performance that included a game-winning touchdown pass to fellow rookie wide receiver Tank Dell with six seconds to go. It's been utter dominance for Stroud, and with eight games left to play, the Most Valuable Player chants are only getting louder and louder.

It's been a thrilling start to this NFL season, and fans should be excited for the backend of the schedule. Numerous divisions are in tight races and some stars have their eyes on history. It should make for an exciting road to the playoffs.

Photo courtesy of AJ Brown, Wikipedia Commons

Several teams put in their all as the NFL season inches ever closer to the playoffs.

Video Game Review: Final Fantasy XVI

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The recent string of low-quality releases from modern game companies boggles the mind as making a relatively good game should not showcase much difficulty. While fantastic games like Octopath Traveler II and Hi-Fi Rush were released this year, titles with broken and boring gameplay like Forspoken, Redfall and Gollum have appeared too often. Thankfully, Square-Enix managed to go against this trend and produce a fantastic new inclusion into their flagship series, Final Fantasy! This 16th entry into the franchise utilizes the power of current-gen hardware to deliver an experience that looks and plays great, albeit with a few minor issues resulting from the developer's focus on spectacle.

Final Fantasy XVI feels like a true next-gen title due to its graphical prowess. Everything feels vibrant with the utilization of the game's various visual effects as magic spells shine with wondrous splendor and environments feel intricate and alive. However, the game might relish in detail too much as fights and duels feel overly gruesome with realistic blood splatters, blood-stained weapons and similar phenomena. While impressively realistic, this excessive gore is far from necessary.

Additionally, the performance suffers from a mild hiccup due to its graphics. Transitions from cutscenes to gameplay are mildly noticeable when the game prioritizes graphical fidelity and are downright jarring when the game focuses on achieving a consistent sixty frames per second (FPS) as the cutscenes can suddenly switch back to thirty FPS. Spider-Man: Miles Morales also provided settings that let the console direct its resources to either graphics or framerate, but any cutscene/gameplay transition issues—if they existed in the first place—were handled well enough that one will not usually notice them. Seeing these issues present in a game three years older than a different title that dealt with them appropriately feels odd.

Thankfully, the core of the gameplay mechanics showcases a similarly brilliant level of quality. Intriguingly enough, Final Fantasy XVI forgoes expanding on the gameplay of Final Fantasy XV and opts for gameplay strikingly similar to the Devil May Cry (DMC) series. Combat focuses on stylishly chaining together attacks, magic spells, special attacks and other offensive options gained from unlocking abilities in a progression system like DMC but with a fantasy twist and additional features like the ability to order the main character's dog to attack certain enemies.

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Final Fantasy XVI accomplishes a feat suprisingly difficult for most AAA releases to achieve and made a game that feels like it belongs on modern hardware.

The various menus typically seen in an RPG also help encapsulate the stylish feeling of the gameplay by keeping everything streamlined and sleek. One can effortlessly parse through all the menus—including the settings/save game section—quickly and efficiently with a simple yet stylish design that does not clutter the UI with unneeded features. The game even includes 8-bit sprites of all the characters currently in the party to add a bit of charm!

Unfortunately, a few locales come across as decisively linear. The linear design is not inherently harmful—and Final Fantasy XVI's linear design comes nowhere close to horrendously streamlined games like Final Fantasy XIII—but the number of times the level design felt like nothing more than a bendy hallway felt disappointing. Thankfully, the game does try its best to disguise its linearity with secrets peppered throughout the levels, and a few open world-like areas.

All in all, I give Final Fantasy XVI an 8/10, and I would recommend it but only with a heavy discount off of its current market price of $70.

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Fine Print Magazine Starts Annual Production

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As Elizabethtown College has just opened its doors once more for a new semester, it seems one group on campus has hit the ground running. Walking through the BSC you may have seen large banners and posters referring to an opportunity to submit for the "Fine Print Magazine". Those posters refer to a magazine full of creative pieces and projects put together by students and staff alike. From poetry to paintings, this collection is a great representation of the college's creative side. The magazine was open to all students and staff, and Feb. 7th was the final date for submissions.

This past week I had the opportunity to meet the Editor-In-Chief of Etown's Fine Print Literary Magazine. Lucy Krug is not only a fourth-year occupational therapy major, but she also has been working tirelessly as the Editor-In-Chief of the magazine. Though her beginning with the group was less than conventional, it was in the midst of a pandemic and Zoom meetings where Krugfound her start. With a background and overall passion for poetry and creative writing, it seemed only fitting that she would find herself in the group. However, when she was a first-year the group was not what it is now. Starting with just 5 members when she began, the group has well over doubled in size! As an Editor-In-Chief, her role is definitely integral in the completion of the paper. In our conversation, she highlighted various duties such as the organizational component of putting together a collection like this for the magazine and the importance of the final eye over the various collections of writing.

The actual magazine will consist of a collection of Etown's students, staff, and facultie's submissions and work. These contents range in a variety of forms, whether it may be poetry or some other form of creative expression that can be displayed through the vehicle of the pages. In Krug's own words, "Fine Print is designed to be a collection of the creative heartbeat here at Elizabethtown College." And she could not be more right in that regard, looking over the prior magazine collections it doesn't take long to acknowledge the power of these pieces. On that same thought, it also isn't hard to see why this magazine has become such a tradition here at theCollege. With the opportunity for everyone on campus to submit projects, this collection accommodates part of the creativity that drives this campus.

As the spring semester continues,

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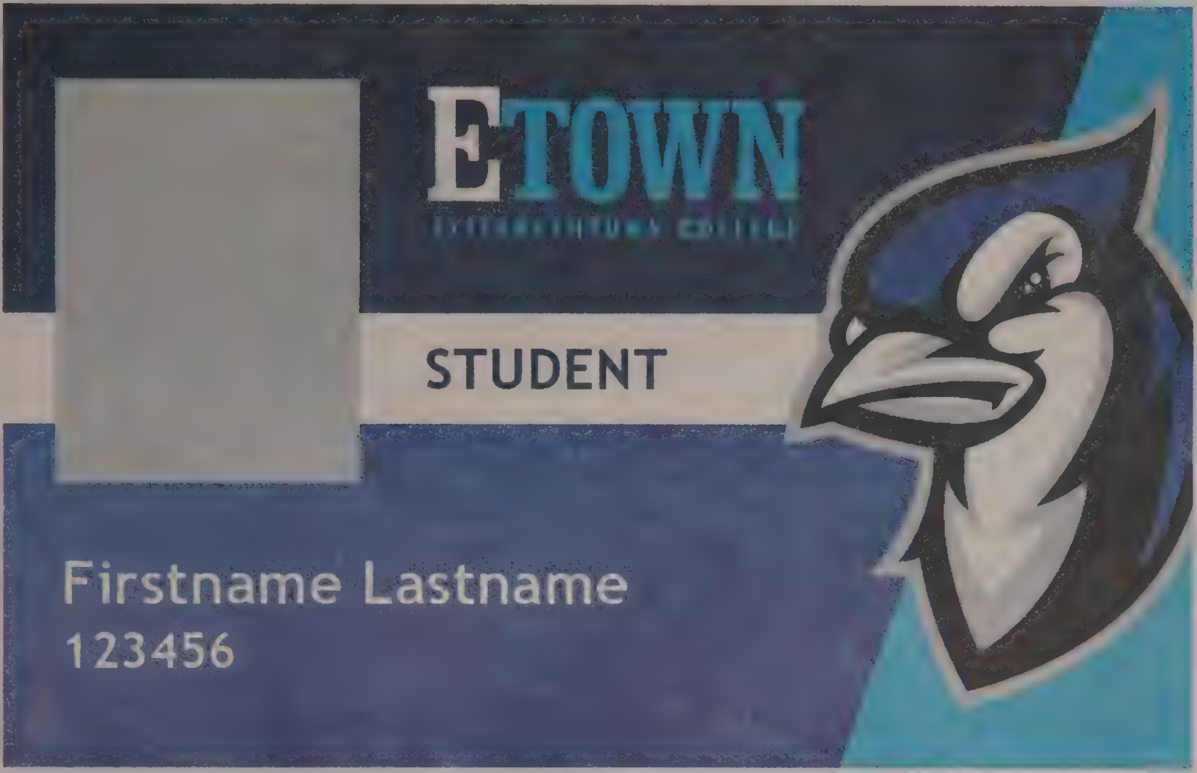
New ID cards issued to Elizabethtown College community over winter break



Courtesy of Campus News

The new ID cards represent Etown's updated brand colors scheme and provide increased encryption

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Over the winter, Campus Security was hard at work implementing a new change: students have now been issued brand-new ID cards. As of this semester, the old ID cards will not work for any of the scanners on campus, and can be disposed of into a black box located in the Mail Services room in the Baugher Student Center.

This mass production project can be accredited to the work of Elizabethtown College's Information and Technology Services (ITS), Auxiliary Services, and Facilities Management teams. They worked hard to get out the new ID cards for the spring semester.

These new cards sport a new design featuring the blue jay mascot on top of

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CCCE's pop tabs for charity

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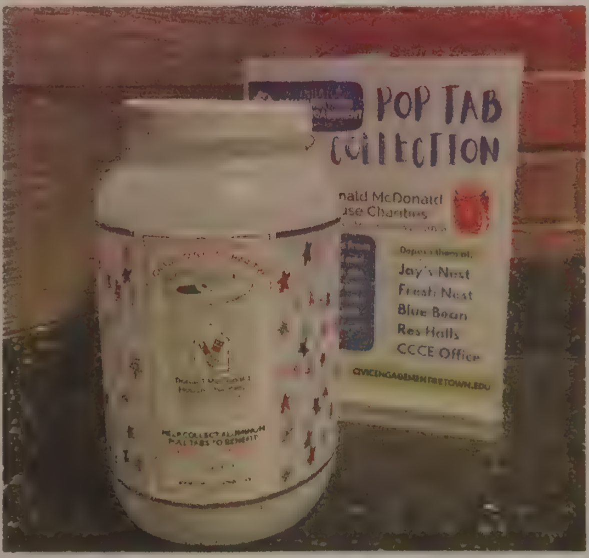
Giving back relates to the foundational beliefs of Elizabethtown College. Yet, some students may be hesitant to jump straight into a volunteer commitment with all that they have going on, and then may feel like they are not doing enough to serve with the time that they do have.

A good starting point for many could be donating to the Ronald McDonald House Charities by depositing the aluminum top tabs of cans into the designated containers across campus, including in the Residence Halls, in Dining Services locations like Jays Nest and the Blue Bean, in the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) office and in the Bower's Center.

How it all began puts into perspective the importance just one student can have on making a difference. Elsa Woodarek, a second-year student assistant at the CCCE, started the initiative with Ronald McDonald House here at Etown last fall through her work at the center. The CCCE then expanded this effort throughout campus and worked alongside other departments to make it more widespread and known. Additionally, alongside flyers in the Residence Halls, the CCCE puts information about the charity and the collection into their monthly newsletter.

Elsa explains that the Ronald McDonald House, "was an idea brought to the CCCE, and the center coordinated with Dining Services, Residence Life, and the Bowers Center [For Sports, Fitness and Wellbeing] to place collection bins around campus. Collecting pop tabs is a very common way to give back to the community and it was time for it to be brought to Etown."



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CCCE's pop tab collection jars.

With all the can tabs that students already go through in their daily lives and usually just throw away or recycle outside of their dorm, they can make a difference and contribute to a charitable cause. In addition, if students want to go above their own efforts of collecting can tabs, students can always ask their relatives, friends or community members for tabs to put in the collection bins.

People may see the collection bins around,

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Fans of the acclaimed Pedro Pascal edit will be disappointed when they realize none of their favorite artists' music are on TikTok, at least if they are signed to Universal Music Group (UMG). On Feb. 1, after a failed negotiation with the China-based video platform, UMG pulled all of their music from TikTok's catalog. Affected singers include Taylor Swift, Drake, Luke Bryan, Adele, Bad Bunny and BTS, among many others. Videos previously uploaded using songs of UMG's artists now feature notes such as "This sound is unavailable" and "Sound removed due to copyright restrictions."

On Jan. 30, two days before the removal, UMG published "An Open Letter to the Artist and Songwriter Community: Why We Must Call Time Out on TikTok" on their website. In it, they describe TikTok's refusal to pay their artists at what they say is a fair wage and combat against Artificial Intelligence (AI). When scrolling through TikTok, it is not unheard of to see videos where users have used AI to make their favorite artists cover songs, as demonstrated with the version of Swift's "Style" where fans added Harry Styles' singing one of the verses.

"...TikTok makes little effort to deal with the vast amounts of content on its platform that infringe our artists' music and it has offered no meaningful solutions to the rising tide of content adjacency issues, let alone the tidal wave of hate speech, bigotry, bullying and harassment on the platform," the letter said.

On TikTok's own news website, they released a statement in response to UMG where they state that they have been able to reach 'artist-first' agreements with other labels. TikTok also counters UMG with the loss of free marketing efforts and easy talent finding.

"It is sad and disappointing that Universal Music Group has put their own greed above the interests of their artists and songwriters," the statement said. "Clearly, Universal's self-serving actions are not in the best interests of artists, songwriters and fans."

Artists signed to UMG have expressed their concern over the loss of their music. One example is Noah Kahan, Grammy-nominated singer famed for his "Stick Season" album. Kahan's music went viral thanks to TikTok's algorithm and skyrocketed his career virtually overnight. Getting tickets to his shows are near equivalent to trying to find a seat at Swift's Eras Tour: impossible.

"I won't be able to promote my music on TikTok anymore, but luckily I'm not a TikTok artist, right?" Kahan said sarcastically in a video to his fans on the platform. "I'll probably be OK, right? I'll land on my feet, right? Right?"

Kahan, who has his new single 'Forever' coming out on Feb. 9, encouraged fans to pre-save his music since he 'won't be able to shove it down their throats' anymore.

This is not the first time a label has pulled their music from a social media platform before. According to the New York Times, in 2008, Warner Music removed thousands of videos from YouTube, the social media for posting music videos.

Fans were unable to view these videos for eight months, which is when Warner Music and YouTube reached a new deal.

It is unknown though whether UMG's music will return to TikTok. With the threatened TikTok ban, no one can say if TikTok will be around for UMG to put their music back.

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New ID cards implemented to increase security

a blue and white background, giving it a more modern-looking design compared to the old cards. One first-year student expressed disappointment over the aesthetics of her new card. "It looks boring now. I don't know why they felt the need to change it; I liked the photo on the old one." The photo, of course, refers to the bird's-eye-view of the front of the BSC that can be seen on the old cards.

Because a card had to be printed for each of the campus's students– which amounts to more than 1600 pieces of plastic technology– no picture retakes will be offered until further notice.

The appearance of the new cards may be controversial, but a fact that most people agree on is that these new cards just don't scan as well as the old ones. "I used to be able to scan into my dorm by holding my bag up against the scanner, but now I have to take it out, which is kind of annoying," says a second-year student.

Truthfully, the new ID cards and scanners are not as sensitive as the old versions, so they have to be held closer together and take longer to register. Several students have also mentioned that the beep to confirm a scan is quieter than it was before, which makes it hard to tell if a scan has registered.

So, why was this change implemented? Joe Hudzick, the Senior Director of Auxiliary Services, says that the old cards raised security concerns. "While Etown College has been fortunate to have not experienced any major security issues related to our ID card system," he says, "nationally it was becoming more commonplace at colleges and universities using the proximity card technology, which was our old system." If colleges that still use proximity card technology start reporting security issues, it will not raise as much concern for Etown's cybersecurity in the short term.

Many have wondered why this big transition happened over winter break. After all, the summer break is much longer than the winter break, and it just makes sense to start out the new school year– instead of the new calendar year– with the new ID cards.

Summer is actually a much busier time of year for Etown staff than winter, according to Hudzick. "This project required collaboration from multiple departments, and winter break worked best for all their project schedules." There is a lot to be done over summer break, making winter the perfect time to rally the crowd and complete a large technological task. Summer also attracts a lot of guests, such as prospective students, so not much could have gotten done then.

No matter how you feel about this new change, it was an impressive feat on the part of the involved organizations to implement the new ID system in such a short amount of time.

If you have any questions about the new cards, please feel free to send an email to Etown's locksmith, Jeff Williams.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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On January 26, Governor Josh Shapiro made an announcement via press release that his administration plans to overhaul the higher education system in Pennsylvania in the coming future.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, the governor announced plans to reform the governing structure of PA's state universities and community colleges, prioritizing keeping schools open despite demographic changes as well as affordability and cost-effectiveness. The governor also plans to address affordability by placing a cap on tuition at $1,000 per semester for low-income families instead of the current average of over $7,000 per semester, while minimizing competition by bringing 25 state institutions under a central coordinating body. Shapiro plans to deliver a fully fleshed out version of this plan at his 2nd Annual Budget Address on February 6, where he will discuss a wide range of topics ranging from education to public transportation.

The governor's proposal comes on the heels of a rapidly changing environment for higher education, as population decline is predicted to lead to lower enrollment over the next few decades. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the U.S. college enrollment growth rate grew consistently between 1980 and 2010, growing at an average rate of 2.2% a year, peaking at 18 million enrolled students in 2010. However, due to a variety of factors including declining birth rates and rising tuition costs, the total number of undergraduate college enrollments has declined nationally since 2010, at about 1.6% a year with only 15 million enrolled students in 2021. The concern is that an overabundance of higher education institutions will create a saturation of the education market and will result in many universities closing in the coming decades should this trend continue. The situation in Pennsylvania reflects these grim statistics: during the 2022 school year, enrollment declined by 2.2% in the schools operated by the State System of Higher Education. This official public agency oversees 10 state-owned schools including Millersville, Kutztown, East Stroudsburg, Shippensburg, and West Chester. Although first-time student enrollment increased by 3.4% in 2022 for these schools, retention has been a problem leading to declines in enrollment of 8% in the schools recently merged into the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, (Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield) and declines of 11% in the schools recently merged into the Pennsylvania Western University, (California, Clarion, and Edinboro).

Additionally, although Commonwealth University was able to increase their first-time enrollment by 15%, Western University first time enrollments declined over 20%. With lower enrollment, fear is growing that many state institutions will be forced to cut spending, introduce budget restrictions and ultimately some will be forced to close their doors. The effects of this decline are already being felt across the state, with Pennsylvania State University's President Neeli Bendapudi proposing a 14% cut in the 2025-2026 budget for the university's satellite campuses. The governor plans to tackle this situation by working with the state General Assembly to allow Pennsylvania's state campuses to adopt a new system which will make them more competitive and more cost effective. The governor's plan would place the state's 10 public universities and 15 community colleges under the authority of a central governing body designed to allow for increased cooperation and accountability between schools.

In addition to the tuition cap for state institutions, the governor's plan would increase public spending on higher education. Currently, Pennsylvania ranks 49th in the nation in spending on higher education (only New Hampshire is lower). The governor has also proposed a performance-based criteria for funding, which would award more funding to schools which succeed in retention and graduation. Schools that prioritize professions facing shortages such as nursing and education or rapidly developing professions such as advanced manufacturing and biotechnology would financially benefit under the governor's proposal.

Fine Print Magazine announces spring edition

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so will the work on this stunning magazine. But when will this collection be available? As of right now, it seems that the magazine is set to become available to the public just before finals. The magazine will be made available through print and through an online digital copy. Also , before the magazine releases, a celebration of the work is being organized to take place. More information on that potential event and other information is on the way. If you have any further questions about the magazine, you may contact "fineprint@etown.edu".

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Courtesy of Fine Print Magazine

Students and faculty were able to submit their works of creative fiction, poetry and art to Fine Print Magazine

Pop tab collection occuring throughout the semester

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hear the charity's name and still not know a lot about what it does, how it works, or why they should donate their aluminum can tabs. Ronald McDonald House Charities, and their location at Central Pennsylvania which Etown aims to serve, provides temporary housing for families whose children are being treated at Penn State Children's Hospital. Families can stay there as long as needed, free of charge and are provided with meals, snacks, beverages, internet and TV services. For families in need, this eliminates one level of stress in an already stressful situation. These numbers can add up to helping a lot of people throughout the year. In the fall of 2023 alone, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania gave out 2,604 meals to 468 families and provided 6,068 family overnight stays.

The pop tabs help keep this service running as Consolidated Scrap Resources Inc. pays Ronald McDonald House Charities for the tabs collected and collects them without charging any fees to the charity.

While the exact number of can tabs donated throughout last semester is unknown, it is estimated to be in the hundreds and grows the more people contribute each day.

"The Ronald McDonald House is an awesome program that does so much good for kids and their families, so it's great to see that Etown is participating in the can tab collection. Every time I pass the cans, they're almost full, so it's exciting to see that people are really supporting the program," third-year student and resident assistant, Samantha Machmer said.

For those who want to further support Ronald McDonald House, please feel free to reach out to Ronald McDonald House Charities at the Central Pennsylvania branch, which is located in Hershey. On their website, they have listed a multitude of volunteering opportunities including providing meals and snacks to families in need, deep cleaning the location, and helping at events. Students can also donate directly, purchase an item off their wish list, or host a fundraiser if they are a part of a larger organization.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Feb. 5, U.K. officials announced that King Charles III was diagnosed with cancer. Although reports did not say what kind of cancer the 75-year-old was diagnosed with, they did say he will suspend his public engagements to undergo treatment.

The announcement comes less than two years after Queen Elizabeth II died, leaving the throne to Charles, who waited longer than anyone in history to reach the top of the British monarchy. His son William, Prince of Wales, is next in the line of succession.

Monarchs hold a much smaller role in British politics than they did a century ago, although they still dominate the news cycle. Charles is the Head of State, yet legislation does not pass through him, but through Parliament, an elected body.

While public facing duties will indefinitely come to a halt, Charles will continue his private duties, which include meeting with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Sunak is the leader of the Conservative Party and has served as prime minister since 2022. Sunak is just 42 years old, the youngest prime minister since 1812.

Sunak's background is in business, starting as an analyst for Goldman Sachs and moving up to a hedge fund manager at several different companies.

He was first elected to Parliament in 2014.

Prime ministers are proposed by the Head of State, but put to a vote in Parliament. Monarchs typically recommend those who already have enough support to gain the position.

Business Buzz

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Boeing is facing a major crisis just five years after two of its were involved in deadly crashes. It's now facing scrutiny from stakeholders, the government and the general public over an incident with its 737 Max 9 plane. A month ago, a flight was forced to make an emergency landing after a door plug fell off during flight, exposing passengers to the open air just outside and a terrifying drop.

After the incident, the Federal Aviation Administration grounded Max 9 jets but has since allowed them to fly once more.

The Federal Aviation Administration has decided to pause Boeing's plans to create more Boeing planes as a result of the incident, and some passengers on the flight have filed suit against the company. Airlines like United Airlines have teased an end to their partnerships with Boeing.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Michael Whitaker testified before a House of Representatives panel and said the agency would increase surveillance surrounding Boeing airplane production.

It's bad news for business.

Boeing reported a $650 million operating loss in the fourth quarter of 2023, blaming production costs. The company has been in hot water for some time, only reporting two profitable quarters since the original two fatal crashes.

Federal scrutiny is likely to increase, putting more financial strain on the company. In recent days, concerns about manufacturing have arisen, and as Whitaker pledged to turn the Federal Aviation Administration's watchful eyes full force onto the company, their stocks were dropping due to a new problem.

The company discovered problems with their 737 Max fuselages and will be forced to delay the delivery of 50 planes in order to correct misdrilled holes.

How the Federal Aviation Administration continues to react to the Boeing crisis could be indicative of the company's role in 2024 overall. Boeing's main competitor is Airbus, a company that's on the way up, recently becoming the world's largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft. On the military side, Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin are major competitors with no recent issues. And of course, as with many business issues, Elon Musk has a role to play — SpaceX, Musk's company, is slowly edging into the space industry, which Boeing has a part of.

With competitors, crashes and a federal crack-down, things are not looking up for Boeing.

OEP provides series of KNV workshops to the Etown community

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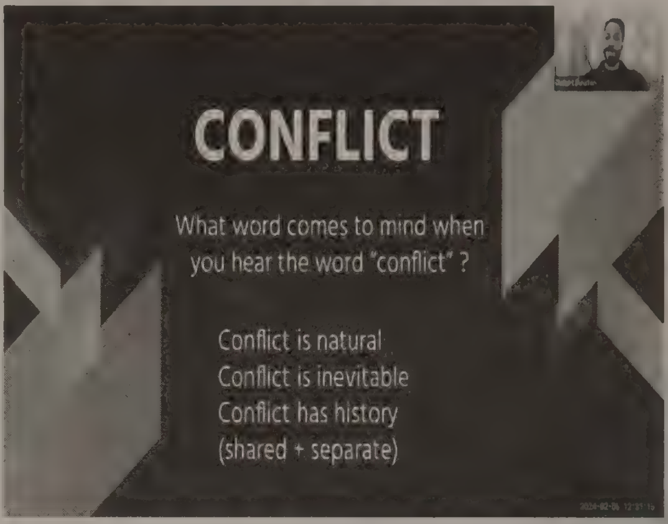
On Earth Peace (OEP) is a nonprofit organization that works on helping communities by teaching the discipline of "Kingian Nonviolence (KNV) Conflict Resolution." OEP spreads knowledge about KNV mainly through workshops aiming to bring personal and societal change. In celebration of Black History Month and as part of the Beloved Community Collective, Elizabethtown College is hosting OEP for a three-series workshop that aims to benefit students, staff, faculty and other Etown community members.

The Beloved Community Collective is Etown's month-long celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. The name is inspired by King's speech delivered at a rally in 1956 after the U.S. Supreme Court decided segregation on the Montgomery bus seats was unconstitutional.

"The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community," King said at the rally. "It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friends. It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men."

Kingian Nonviolence is based on King's principles and explores his legacy through a practical lens. The three workshops aim to focus on different areas of KNV. The first workshop, which occurred on Jan. 25, introduced attendees to the basics of KNV and the six principles. The second workshop, which was on Feb. 5, explored the six steps that allow individuals to put KNV into practice. The third workshop, which will happen on Feb. 23, will introduce attendees to the KNV toolbox and dialectical thinking.

The workshops are guided by two co-facilitators, Dwight Dunston and Ruth Henry. Dunston is a West Philadelphia-based facilitator, hip-hop artist, educator and activist. He is a collaborator with the Anti-Oppression Resource and Training Alliance and is a trainer and Relationship Manager at Lion's Story, a Philadelphia organization that supports individuals in navigating racially stressful situations. Henry is a Level III trainer in KNV Conflict Resolution and a "socially engaged public artist." Henry has facilitated workshops all over the U.S., Colombia and Bolivia. Henry's hip-hop album, Ripple, contains a track for each of the six KNV principles.



CONFLICT

What word comes to mind when you hear the word "conflict" ?

Conflict is natural
Conflict is inevitable
Conflict has history
(shared + separate)

Photo courtesy of Samhar Almomani

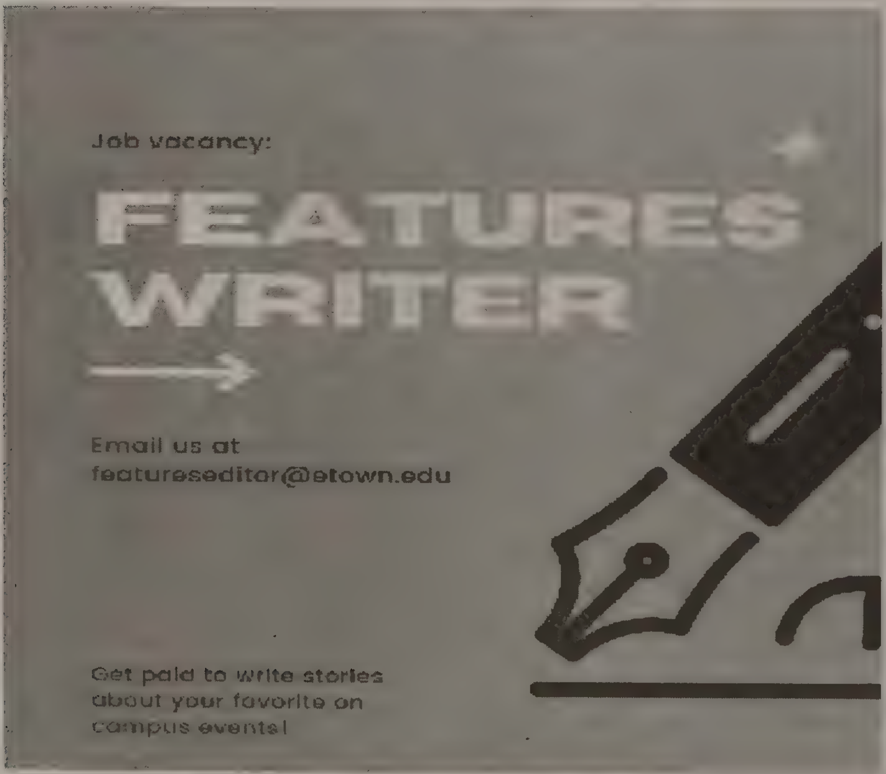
Kingian Nonviolence is based on King's principles and explores his legacy through a practical lens.

The workshops are sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging. Darcey Mills, Associate Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging, has long felt that such workshops would be helpful for the Etown community.

"Dr. King's principles on non-violence offer a powerful framework for addressing issues within our community, promoting understanding, and cultivating a culture of peace," Mills said. "These webinars provide a unique opportunity for our campus community to not only learn from the legacy of Dr. King but also to actively apply these principles and skills to create positive change."

The workshop was specifically curated for Etown, making these webinars an important tool to use nonviolence reconciliation in dealing with various situations that members of the Etown community can face on campus. To many members of the community, the KNV toolbox can help them feel comfortable handling conflict, understand the dynamics of conflict, and learn about the skills needed to run successful social campaigns and the ways to reach mutual reconciliation.

"Kingian Nonviolence training is an important step towards fostering a campus environment that values inclusivity, empathy, and constructive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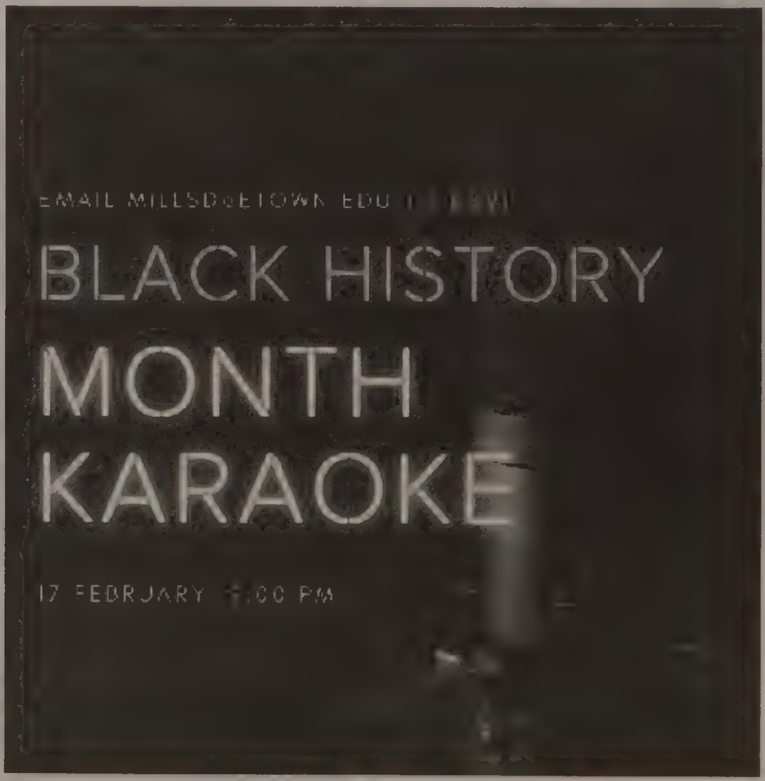
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First Lecture Series this semester presented by Olivia Troye

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Troye was the first speaker for the Lecture Series this semester and engaged the audience by sharing her story being on the White House Coronavirus Taskforce.

Olivia Troye was the voice of the night at Elizabethtown College's second hosting of its 2023-2024 Lecture Series: Evenings of Enlightenment in Leffler Chapel at 7 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2024. As a former homeland security and counterterrorism advisor to Vice President Mike Pence, Troye took the world by storm when she accused President Trump's Administration of failing to protect the American people during the coronavirus pandemic. Many called Troye a "White House Coronavirus Task Force Whistleblower" in her efforts to make an ethical and moral choice based on years of national security work.

The program was sectioned into three parts: an introduction of the speaker, Troye's presentation "Doing the Right Thing. Even When It Costs Everything" and a Q&A with Troye. The lecture moderator, Ryan Unger '01, is an Etown graduate. He is the president of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC.

Troye spoke to both Etown students and members of the Etown community as she recounted her story. She walked the audience through a timeline of her life, starting with a humble beginning, and ending with headlining on CNN speaking out against the Trump administration policies on COVID-19. In her own words, Troye started from the "corridors of power [White House] to crossroads of where conscience and duty intersect." Troye started her career in legislative politics and changed course after the September 9, 2011, terrorist attack to be in the public service sector with an emphasis on service and helping others. Troye's focus shifted to domestic threats including rising hate crimes and cybersecurity threats. Her move to the White House came when she was selected to be Vice President Pence's homeland security advisor. Her role in the White House in the wake of the pandemic enabled her to be placed on a COVID-19 task force.

The decision to speak out against the Trump administration was strictly a moral decision to Troye. This was an unprecedented decision for her, which she did not take lightly, and which she said came with no ulterior motive. Troye spoke of the courage it took for her to stand up for what she believed to be right, and acknowledged many people who had been courageous before her. The inclusion of a section pertaining to courage within Troye's speech emphasizes the impact whistleblowers can make on a large scale. "Groups which face extreme adversity but risk their lives for greater cause and to serve others are courageous and worthy of recognition," she said. The implications of Troye speaking out against a powerful political figurehead exceeded her workplace resignation. She was scrutinized by the public, her life was threatened, and she permanently dented her professional career. And yet, Troye sticks by her decision and says it was for the benefit of the American people.

The CNN headlines featuring Troye wrote, "Trump could have saved lives but was too concerned about re-election." Troye was originally planning to leave her career and move on with her life but says her loyalty to the American people persuaded her to make the decision which changed the direction of her life. Troye is now an advisor for Defending Democracy Together and continues to fight for the American people's safety.

Audience members were encouraged to send their questions for Troye via a text message thread. The Q&A portion at the end of the lecture allowed Troye to expand on some of her points and address audience questions.

One of the audience members, an Etown student, said, "It was nice to hear her opinion knowing she was with the Republican Party and still decided to speak out against their policies." Troye was able to embrace fear as a driving force in making decisions that matter. Troye did not let fear, politics or popular opinion prevent her from protecting the American people from what she deemed a harmful institution.

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Troye sat down for a Q&A with Unger, which allowed Troye to expand on some of her points and address audience questions.

Etown kicks off Black History Month with flag raising

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Black History Month is being celebrated at Elizabethtown College in February. Collaborating with other departments, the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging has organized celebrations and educational events aimed at fostering dialogue among diverse identities on campus to support racial reconciliation and acknowledgment on campus.

Associate Director of the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging Darcey Mills spoke on the importance of understanding the historical impact and the effect on students today. He discussed how highlighting these achievements and contributions allows us as a community to further the discussion and connect, joining our strongest voices in efforts to enact change. It is important, not just this month but every month to come together and connect as a community.

This year's theme, Black Americans and the Arts, celebrates the profound and evolving impact of Black artistry on our culture, national identity and social movements that have spanned the world over.

The Department works to create and improve the Etown campus' climate, finding ways to bring students together in understanding. The Department's efforts to enact change stem from their goals — to affirm commitment to diversity and inclusive excellence, create a welcoming environment, allow for cross-cultural interactions, foster a diverse learning experience for all and create a diverse and welcoming campus.

Mills says all students are welcome to assist in the preparation and creation of events, and in the past has worked with and without the Department to start events they believe will create a new or affirming experience for Etown.

The events planned for Black History Month have the sole purpose of promoting arts such as poems throughout the month. Students from the College share poems on their experiences here at the college or their experiences in an overall statement.

Some events celebrating Black History Month took place earlier this month and late last month, such as The Black History Month Flag Raising on Feb. 1.

There are still upcoming events you can attend,. both on campus and over Zoom. For more information regarding these events, visit the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging's page.

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Etown kicked off Black History Month with a Pan-American flag raising event, with the flag being displayed for the remainder of the month.

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Mills spoke on the importance of understanding the historical impact and the effect on students today.

My Bloody Valentine Murder Mystery perfomed at Etown

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When you think of Valentine's Day activities, a murder mystery event probably is not the first thing to come to mind, but on Feb. 2, RecWell, Office of Student Activities (OSA), Mad Cow and Sock and Buskin clubs collaborated to bring "My Bloody Valentine Murder Mystery" to the Elizabethtown College community.

Those who wished to attend the event registered via SignUpGenius to reserve their spot. Because of the popularity of the event, slots were soon filled. If students failed to show up, they were charged a $5 fee.

After a long two weeks of hyping up the event, 75 students gathered at 7 p.m. in the Koons Activity Venue (KAV) Friday night to engage in the festivities. Before the event, they could gather refreshments from Conrad's Corner, featuring non-alcoholic Shirley Temples, and themed snacks like rose macarons provided by Dining Services.

The setting of this year's Murder Mystery event was in a prohibition-era 'juice' bar. The owner and his two employees, an aspiring singer and laughable wannabe gangster, scrambled to try to keep their business afloat and populate the venue before their mob boss, played by Professor of Spanish Charla Lorenzen came to visit. Add in the investigative reporter with a gambling addict brother, widow and her rebellious, rich cousin, and trouble was bound to happen.

After a blackout scene, Lorenzen's character was found dead on the floor. Two NYPD reporters burst into the KAV after an anonymous tip about illegal activity and began questioning the suspects. It was up to the audience to choose who they interrogated first. Then, after all the characters had their turn being heckled, the actors went out into the crowd to talk to the audience and plead their innocence.

"My favorite part was watching the characters stay in character," Jasmine Romano, fourth-year psychology major said. Romano attended the event because she knew one of the actors on stage.

Unbeknownst to viewers, actors only had two practices to rehearse their lines, get to know their characters and see how they worked with the other performers. Compared to the typical months-long rehearsals for Etown's plays, this time crunch presented a challenge. However, the actors managed to preserve and overcome this obstacle to engage in electric performances on the stage.

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Mad Cow, Sock and Buskin, RecWell, and OSA plan to make this an annual event after garnering student interest.

"My favorite scene was definitely the interaction between my character, Dorothy, and Laney Humble's character, Lucille," Em Clark, second-year criminal justice major said. "It was the scene that revealed the most about my character, and Laney was such a fantastic scene partner. It was a blast to bounce off of her!"

The second the show ended and the murderer was revealed, the room buzzed. Actors came off the stage to greet their fans as some shouted 'I knew it!'

"I would describe this night as a thrilling adventure that really captures the audience and makes you part of the experience," Evan Kohlbus, third-year dual major in English-Professional Writing and Japanese said.

For those who missed out on the event this year, don't worry! Mad Cow, Sock and Buskin, RecWell, and OSA plan to make this an annual event, so mark your calendars!

Which Monopoly token are you based on your zodiac sign?

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Welcome back, Jays! For this edition of the Horoscopes, I was inspired by my latest obsession: Monopoly Go!. For months, I held off on downloading the silly app, even rolled my eyes at my friends who succumbed to the advertising, but eventually, I found myself a victim too. Now, the first thing I do when I wake up is roll my accumulated dice and almost wake my roommate up when I yell in frustration over not having enough money to upgrade my landmarks. So, keep reading to find out what Monopoly token you should play the next time you decide you want to test the strength of your friendship. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising for all the best options!

Aries- As the first zodiac sign, it only makes sense that you are one of the original Monopoly tokens, going all the way back to 1935 and still issued in the boardgame today. You are the Top Hat.

Taurus- For some reason, Taurus, you remind me of Elle from Legally Blonde. You both love the luxurious things in life and are not afraid to work for them. That is why I am deeming you as the Dog in the Handbag from the Electronic Banking edition.

Gemini- This spring semester, Gemini, I bet you're as busy as a bee. You like to keep yourself occupied, racing around campus so fast that you become a blur. It only makes sense that you are the NASCAR Race Car from the 85th Anniversary edition.

Cancer- I've said it before, Cancer, and I'll say it again: you're a big softie underneath that concrete wall you built up for yourself. Since there is no crab for you to choose, you are the Thimble, one of the original Monopoly pieces that was retired in 2017.

Leo- You like to make a statement, Leo. When you walk into the room, all eyes should be on you. While this token may be unconventional, it will certainly fulfill your needs. You are the T-Rex with a Robot Arm from the Cheaters edition.

Virgo- Did you know that your sign is represented by the Maiden, Virgo? She is a goddess typically associated with wheat and farming. Pay homage to your symbol and play as the Windmill from the Here and Now: The World edition.

Libra- If there is one store that represents a Libra, it's Target. It has the perfect layout with even lighting, and you can easily spend hours of your time in there. Thus, you are the Bullseye Dog from the Target edition.

Scorpio- Sly Scorpio, you are essentially a black cat personified. While Monopoly doesn't have a black cat, it does have a silver one. You are Hazel the Cat, first introduced in the 2000's and now included in standard editions.

Sagittarius- Your unwavering thirst for knowledge will take you to new heights, Sagittarius. It might even take you to the stars. You are the Astronaut from the Space edition.

Capricorn- The way you like to relax, Capricorn, is by taking a walk through the Dell or around Lake Placida. Nothing feels better than when the sun hits your skin. That's why you are the Hiking Shoe from the America's National Parks edition.

Aquarius- Your main goal in life, Aquarius, is to make the world a better place, and what better way to do that than through comedy? You are the Laughing Emoji from the Monopoly for Millennials edition.

Pisces- You're a sensitive, quiet soul, Pisces, and so there is one token based on the hit Disney Channel cartoon character that I think you will relate to very much. You are Ferb Fletcher from the "Phineas and Ferb" edition.

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The Monopoly token is an essential part of your winning strategy. Which is yours?

Business Review

Breakfast lovers, stop by Elizabethtown's tasty hidden gem, the Whisk Cafe, for an aesthetic and delicious brunch!

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The beginning of a new semester is the perfect time to get out and explore the area around campus, so this week, third-year and Campus Life staff writer Cassidy Rohrman and I decided to visit the Whisk Cafe. It's a local establishment open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day, perfect for having a nice breakfast or lunch when you're craving something from beyond the Marketplace.

Located only a short drive away at 98 Masonic Drive, the Whisk Cafe offers a pleasant dining experience. Though its exterior somewhat blends into the connecting buildings of the complex, its interior is inviting and comes across as clean.

The decor suggests a mission to use fresh, locally sourced ingredients, and the lunch menu appeared to feature mostly hearty, healthy meals. This did appear to be reflected in the price, which was somewhat steep, but still affordable and the large portion sizes made up for it.

We decided to go around noon, and while it was fairly busy, there was no wait to be seated. The cafe was also spacious enough that despite nearly all of the tables being occupied, it didn't feel overcrowded or loud.

There were many delicious-sounding drinks on the menu, and I settled on the peppermint hot chocolate while Rohrman chose the s'mores hot chocolate to help us warm up from the recent cold temperatures. Both were served in mugs and had a nice presentation of whipped cream and a sprinkled topping and tasted fantastic.

For food, I ordered the turkey club wrap, which was bigger than I was expecting and served with a side of fresh fruit. I wasn't able to finish it since it was pretty filling, but the ingredients blended nicely and the tortilla was perfectly crisp.

Rohrman settled on the chia berry bowl in an effort to branch out from her usual restaurant orders. It was made with a combination of fresh ingredients, but she found that she didn't particularly enjoy the texture and didn't end up eating too much of it. She said she liked the toppings individually, especially the granola, but overall it wasn't her favorite dish. Regardless, she liked the experience enough to say she wanted to return and try something new on a different day.

The chia berry bowl was also served with a croissant, which was warm and flaky, but the large portions of food prevented us from eating a lot of it.

The wait staff were friendly and generally attentive, and I do have plans to return, possibly for breakfast this time, to try out some of the other menu items.

But don't just take our word for it! The Whisk Cafe boasts hundreds of great reviews online and it even has a few awards listed on its website. Fourth-year Campus Life Editor Charlie Carberry offered their input as well.

"I've been there a few times now, either with friends or on dates, and it's such a cute place," they said. "They have great food and great drinks. My favorite things to get there are their Belgian waffles and their lavender lemonade mocktail."

But, be prepared if you plan on grabbing a bite to eat. While the staple food items are always available, some menu items are seasonal, so I'd recommend checking online before you go to ensure they've got your favorites.

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

The Whisk Cafe not only has unique food and drink options, but the building itself also sports a unique design with its signature garage door wall and cobblestone exterior.

Job Spotlight

Chandler McGuire rose through the ranks of the Etownian paper

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The Etownian's own Chandler McGuire has recently been promoted from the Managing Editor to the new Editor-In-Chief! McGuire is a fourth-year English Professional Writing major with minors in Marketing and Creative Writing. She has been with The Etowian for three years, starting as the Assistant Campus Life Editor during her sophomore year in 2021. When she saw the ad for the position, she decided to apply on a whim and began working under 2023 English Literature alumni, Elizabeth Cunningham, who was the Campus Life Editor at the time.

When Cunningham moved to the Managing Editor position, McGuire took over the Campus Life Editor position. When Cunningham went to study abroad, McGuire took the Managing Editor position. She has moved up the Etownian ranks and now is at the head of the operation as the Editor-In-Chief.

"The transition was very easy. I worked my way up to where I am today and I'm so grateful for it," McGuire said.

As the Editor-In-Chief, McGuire oversees the different sections of the Etownian. Instead of just working on one section, she assists with all sections to make sure everything is going smoothly. She does things such as making sure articles are written, layouts are submitted, pitching in to write articles if something comes up, and much more.

She is known for writing the Horoscopes for Campus Life every week, and always comes up with fun topics, sometimes aligning with her own interests. She has written articles such as, "What store at Park City Center are you based on your zodiac sign?" or "Horoscopes (Taylor's Version): What song from the "1989 (Taylor's Version)" album are you?"

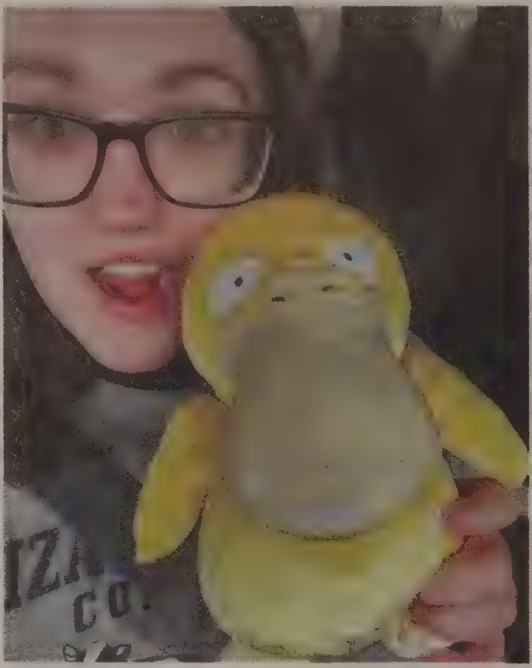
She is always there to help when there is a problem and will do her best to help. One of her responsibilities is looking out for the Etownian employees, whether that is helping out by writing an article on a whim, or fixing a particularly frustrating layout. McGuire spends many hours perfecting the layouts before sending them off to be printed.

McGuire's favorite thing about the Etownian is writing for Campus Life. "It's my baby and I affectionately referred to it as the Buzzfeed of the Etownian," McGuire said. "I always wanted to work at Buzzfeed when I was in high school, so I guess I got my wish!"

McGuire has also convinced many of her friends to apply for positions at the Etownian, including myself. When asked what she would say to people thinking about writing for the Etownian, she encourages those interested to just go for it!

"It can be a lot of work sometimes, but holding your work in your hand is so worth it. Plus, it looks great on a resume. I have gotten both of my internships, one in pharmaceutical marketing and one in proposal writing, because of my work at the Etownian," McGuire said. If you are interested in writing for the Etownian, email us at editor@etown.edu.

As McGuire knows, the Etownian is a great place to improve your writing skills and even learn new ones, such as using InDesign. McGuire seemed very appreciative of how the Etownian allowed her to grow throughout the years. When McGuire graduates this coming spring, the Etownian will certainly miss her and all she does for us! Until then, be sure to check out her Horoscope articles every week!



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The Etownian's Editor-In-Chief Chandler McGuire and her favorite Pokémon, Psyduck.

RORY'S FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

"Frogs like other reptiles and amphibians brumate during the winter. Brumation is kind of like hibernation. Their metabolic rate slows down, but they'll still move around a little bit on warm days."

-Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 02/01/21

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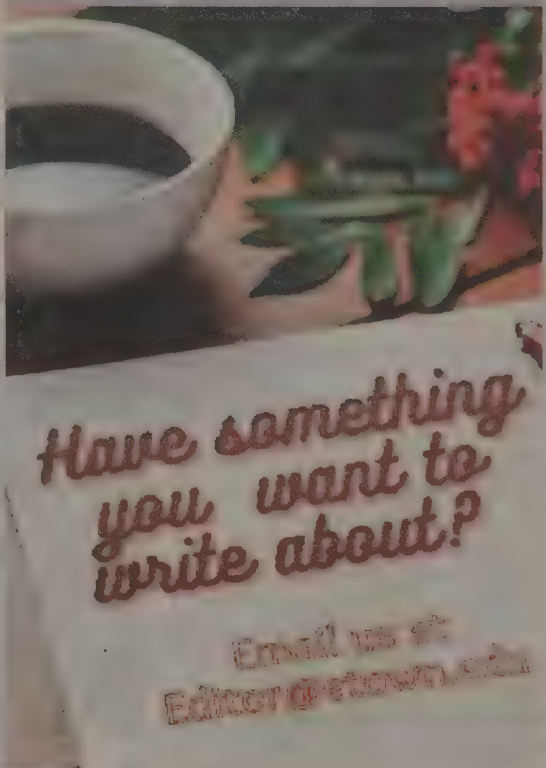

Welcome to the Jungle

Spunky, spoiled and affectionate kitten Natasha Grace overcame her many medical struggles, now loves to play

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Meet Natasha, the spunky cat belonging to fourth-year Campus Life Editor Charlie Carberry! Natasha, affectionately referred to with a host of nicknames including Natasha Grace, Tasha, Kitters, Miss Thing and Sweet Pea by Carberry's partner, is a one-year-old tortoiseshell cat brimming with personality.

"She's super playful," Carberry said. "Her favorite toys are the pompoms on her cat tree, but she also loves the little plastic springs."

Natasha lives with three other cats: Goose, Ducky and Nala. Unfortunately for her, they're much older or don't quite share her energy, but that doesn't stop her from chasing them around and playfully ambushing them from above.

In addition to pestering other cats for playtime, Natasha loves attention from her family.

"She'll rub her face all over yours and chirp when she's in a lovey mood," Carberry said. "Her favorite place to be pet is the top of her head and her chin at the same time." Carberry and their partner adorably refer to it as a "Natasha sandwich."

Carberry and their partner didn't expect to be adopting a cat, but after she was found outside near a barn and taken to the vet clinic where the cousin of Carberry's partner works, they helped foster her. After caring for her and spending time together, they fell in love and decided to keep her.

At first, Natasha suffered from a host of medical conditions, which required her to be quarantined away from the other three cats. "She had a skin infection, upper respiratory infection, ear infection, fleas and was having seizures," Carberry said. But with the vet's help and by taking medication every day, she was able to recover.

Although she no longer needs medication, Natasha still has sensitive skin, so Carberry and their partner decided to wait on taking her to get the rest of her necessary shots. However, this means she's not currently allowed outside.

"She loves the outdoors," Carberry said. "Once she gets a bit older and gets the rest of her outdoor shots, we plan to take her on walks on a leash."

For now, Natasha satiates her need for adventure by sitting in her favorite spot on the windowsill. In the summer, she enjoys the cool breeze and gets to watch the cars and birds outside. In the winter, it's the perfect place to sleep with the heater close by.

Carberry describes Natasha as a "daddy's girl," referring to her especially close bond with their partner. "Despite claiming to not like cats or ever want a cat, he loves her so much and lets her get away with everything," Carberry said.

Carberry also calls her a "spoiled princess," which undoubtedly includes giving her lots of treats. She prefers hard treats and dry food because she loves the crunch.

Of course, if Natasha wants her family to spoil her, she has to let them know what she needs, but she doesn't tend to make a lot of noise. "She doesn't ever meow," Carberry said. "The most she does is chirping and purring. She's not very talkative, but she will find a way to tell you exactly what she wants."

Since being adopted, Natasha's vibrant personality has been a bright spot in Carberry's life. Even though it's still several months away, they are excited to celebrate her second birthday on Sept. 15.

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Natasha loves the outdoors so much that she often sits right next to the screen door in the summer to watch birds and get some sun.

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The C. E. Urban Loyal Order of the Moose No. 596 building, once Hotel Greenawalt, is a meeting place of the Moose Fraternity, built in 1924 and located at 18 North Market Street. Initially used as a theater and bowling alley by the fraternity, it's now a bar.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on C. E. Urban Loyal Order of the Moose No. 596 by Joseph C. Rue

Media Review

Check out this thrilling visual novel adventure video game

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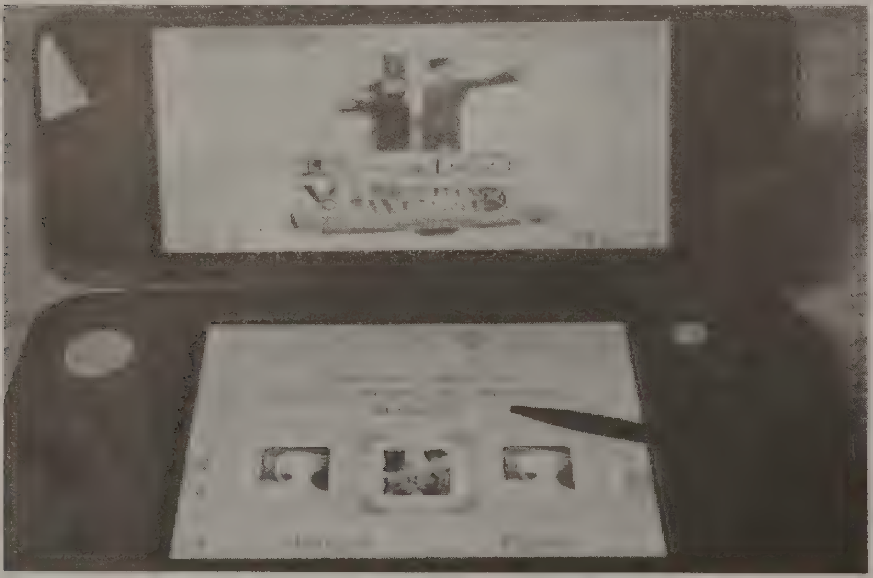
Did you know that you can play as a defense attorney in a video game? That's the main idea for the "Ace Attorney" video game series from Capcom. This visual novel adventure game started in 2001 with the Japanese release of Gyakuten Saiban under the direction of producer Shu Takumi. This first game was released on the Game Boy Advance in Japan, but was localized for other countries on the Nintendo DS in 2005 under the name "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney". Since the first release, there have been 10 games, not including any of the compilation releases.

The first trilogy of games consists of "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney," "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney – Justice for All" and "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney – Trials and Tribulations." This first trilogy follows the protagonist, Defense Attorney Phoenix Wright and his spirit medium co-counsel Maya Fey in the world of law. However, this law is unlike what is seen in either America or Japan; courts only have 3 days to declare a defendant guilty or innocent. This rushed form of justice means both defense and prosecution have made deals to get the verdicts they want. Phoenix Wright aims to be honest, however, by believing in his client's innocence and searching for only the truth.

The second trilogy includes "Apollo Justice: Ace Attorney," "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney – Dual Destinies" and "Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney – Spirit of Justice." These games follow the new protagonists, Defense Attorneys Apollo Justice and Athena Cykes, along with Phoenix Wright. There are also spin-off games, including "Ace Attorney Investigations: Miles Edgeworth" and "Ace Attorney Investigations 2", the crossover with Professor Layton called "Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney" and the newest games "The Great Ace Attorney: Adventures" and "The Great Ace Attorney: Resolve".

The gameplay consists of investigation sequences and court proceedings. In the investigations, the player goes to the crime scene to question witnesses, gather evidence, and form ideas of what transpired. On the court days, the player is tasked with going through witness testimonies. The player must press the witness and present evidence to further the trial and to eventually prove their client innocent. The game involves a good bit of reading and comprehension skills to solve the mysteries behind the crimes. All games, except the spin-off series based on the prosecutor from the first game, Miles Edgeworth, follow this similar setup.

Now is as good a time as any to pick up these interesting games! They are available on most modern consoles such as the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, and even Steam. Some of the games are also available on mobile devices via the app store. Hopefully, there are no objections to playing these games!



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Ace Attorney is available to be played on several consoles.

Debate of the Week

What whimsical word would you call this utensil?

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You have your typical fork, spoon, knife, and even the lovable addition of the spork but what would you call this three-pronged fork? A typical fork has four prongs, which has a history dating back to the 4th century in the Byzantine Empire. In the time of its debut, many considered forks to be a vanity, but these days you wouldn't be caught eating your dinner without one. It eventually became widely used throughout the Mediterranean and the Middle East by the 10th century.

A utensil with such a rich history and countless variations, but what do we call this iteration in the 21st century? As it turns out, this misshapen fork has plenty of different names and functions according to Elizabethtown College's student body, and no one can agree 100 percent on either.

Fourth-year Professional Writing major Kyle McLaughlin boldly states that the utensil is nothing out of the ordinary. "That, in my humble opinion, is a fork. A dessert fork, according to the English Department's Etiquette dinner," McLaughlin said.

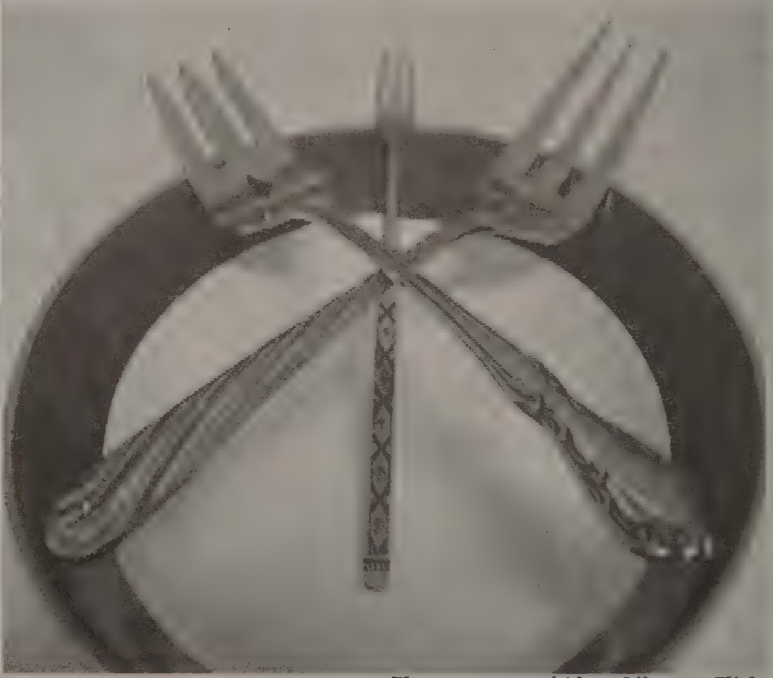
Third-year Professional Writing major and Assistant. Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer claims this is a three-tined fork. "Or a trident, if I'm feeling silly," said Meyer. "Not a 'threek' though, that's ridiculous. That would only work if the actual utensil was spelled, 'fourk.'" Other students agree with this utensil being a 'trident,' as Meyer puts it.

"That's a trident. It's used for seafood in fine dining," Third-year English Secondary Education and Sociology major Caroline Czerpak said. Junior Japanese major Lux Hileman agrees, saying that this utensil should be used for seafood, specifically oysters, but still refers to it simply as a fork.

Fourth-year Professional Writing major and Copy Editor Mahli Rupp has very strong feelings regarding this utensil. "That's a bad fork! It has three prongs and is too big! It would feel weird and can only hold three Kraft macaronis," Rupp said.

Personally, I am fond of the name 'threek' for this utensil. While the name 'fork' comes from the word 'pitchfork' rather than from the number of prongs, you can't deny the phonetic similarity and the hilarity of this naming convention. I have called this utensil a 'threek' my entire life, and have referred to two pronged forks as 'twoks' as well. I think that if we're going to use fancy utensils in a formal setting, we should call them by silly names, if only to prevent people from taking themselves too seriously.

Knowing this, what would you call this three pronged fork?



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Three-pronged forks are typically used for different functions.

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Men's and Women's Basketball bounce back over the weekend

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Last Saturday afternoon, Elizabethtown College's men's (8-13, 5-9 conference) and women's (15-6, 11-3 conference) basketball teams produced wins against Moravian University (M: 7-14, 3-11 conference, W: 7-14, 6-8 conference), 68-65 and 84-46 respectively.

The men's team put on a dominating first half, outscoring Moravian 43-26. Fourth-year Dylan Rowe opened the scoring with two buckets, pushing Etown ahead and leaving Moravian chasing the rest of the game. The Jays solidified their lead near the end of the first half, with second-year Reese Ziegler scoring two consecutive threes, putting Etown up by eleven. The men held Moravian to only five points in the last four minutes of the half, finishing with a sizeable lead in the first half.

Moravian gained some momentum in the second, coming within three points of Etown near the middle of the half. However, Etown was able to convert their free throws and held on to the lead. The Greyhounds weren't able to come through and missed a vital shot at the buzzer. Second-year Austin Finarelli led the scoring, with 17 points and five rebounds. He was closely followed by Rowe, who had 11 points and eight rebounds. Third-year Rance Russo and second-year EJ Finney had eight points apiece, contributing to the Jays' 68 total.

The women's side put on an impressive performance, breaking a two-game losing streak. Fourth-year Cyleigh Wilson hit two of her four threes within the first three minutes, leading to an early timeout by Moravian. The rest of the starters continued the scoring trend, finishing the quarter with four straight points from second-year Allyia Kennedy. The second quarter was mainly back and forth, crowned by Kennedy's cross-court pass to second-year Ella Gordon who finished it with a layup with only three seconds left on the shot-clock.

The Jays continued to run up the lead in the second half, hitting over 50 percent of their shots and going ten-for-ten on the foul line. Third-year Summer McNulty and fourth-year Taylor Huyck went on a 7-0 run near the end of the third quarter, putting Etown's lead at twenty points. Wilson's now made 64 threes this season, only one short of the program's single-season record. Moravian weren't helping themselves either, making only three of ten shot attempts.

McNulty led the scoring overall, with 23 points, followed by Wilson with 16. Third-year DaniRae Renno scored 10 and Kennedy managed seven. McNulty, Wilson and Renno combined went 20-26 on shots, with McNulty and Wilson going 6-7 for three-pointers. As a team, the Jays went 31 for 62 shots (50%), 7 for 13 on three-pointers (53%) and 15 for 17 free throws (82%).

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko on Elizabethtown College Athletics

Fourth-year Dylan Rowe proves to be a dominant force in the win with his 11 point, eight rebound effort.

Video Game Review: Tiny Tina's Wonderlands

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As I blazed through my backlog of video games over winter break, one game I found rather unenjoyable was Gearbox Software's latest entry in the eponymous Borderlands franchise— Tiny Tina's Wonderlands. Despite the exemplary gameplay and presentation of this expansion on Borderlands 2's best DLC pack, the poor writing, unfulfilling level design and overall lifelessness mix to create a product that feels akin to a hollow recreation of the games that arrived before it.

By no means does Tiny Tina's Wonderlands fail to deliver good gameplay from a technical perspective, as the game builds on the already excellent loot-shooter experience from Borderlands 3 and places it in a suitably chaotic landscape. Enemy encounters constantly force the player to keep moving, shooting and controlling the current situation, whereas bosses introduce enough variation from normal gameplay to provide fun and unique challenges. Additionally, the top-notch visuals and music do a great job showcasing a "Dungeons and Dragons" world crafted with chaos at the helm of creativity.

However, Wonderlands' many flaws begin to appear via its writing, as it accentuates the issue the Borderlands franchise has suffered from since its third major installment. Borderlands 3 marked where the series shifted from darkly comedic yet serious tales to stories with lackluster moments and humor best described with phrases like 'So Random, LOL'. The setting of Wonderlands — a world written by the franchise's most chaotic character — exemplifies this issue, as almost all the comedy comes from pure randomness. Admittedly, the game does deliver the occasional funny moment, but this happens rarely among the metaphorical sea of bad jokes.

Additionally, the open-world inspired level design decreases the enjoyability of exploration, as areas lack anything interesting. While every area has several collectibles and side quests to find, and the collectibles grant the player perks like increased luck, nothing provides rewards that feel like they affect the gameplay in any noticeable way. For example, whereas special weapons in other Borderlands games alter gameplay enough to feel meaningful, the weapons one receives from optional content in Wonderlands feel either cumbersome to use, indistinct from everyday weapons, or underpowered compared to one's current arsenal, which devastates one's interest in these optional goals. This issue makes the vast levels feel like chasms with nothing but enemies to fight and meaningless trinkets to obtain.

These two issues annihilate Wonderlands' gameplay loop. For example, level scaling usually does not affect gameplay of the other Borderlands games due to their implementation of side quests, as one can either complete them alongside the main quest line or accomplish them in interesting side areas. The funny moments and challenging gameplay seen during these side quests drive players to complete them. However, this motivation evaporates since players have almost nothing to look forward to in either side quests or side areas.

This produces the aforementioned lifelessness Wonderlands suffers from. Since a player probably will not complete optional objectives, they are not gaining the strength needed for the game's later areas. The game forces players to complete additional content to gain experience and weapons needed to complete the main storyline rather than completing them for any valuable reason. Even if the gameplay is fantastic- regardless of what foes and areas the player adventures through- one still goes through the motions of playing the game rather than experiencing the game.

All in all, I would recommend Tiny Tina's Wonderlands, mostly if you want unique gameplay based on Borderlands 3's mechanics, and give it a 6/10.

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You can play Tiny Tina's Wonderlands on platforms such as Windows, Xbox and Playstation.

Chiefs and 49ers set to collide in Super Bowl rematch

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As the dust begins to settle on the 2024 National Football League (NFL) season, the stage is set for Super Bowl LVIII (58). This year, fans will witness a rematch of the 2020 Super Bowl between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers.

If you ask NFL fans, most will tell you that the 49ers winning the National Football Conference (NFC) Championship was predictable. While they were one of three teams in the NFC to finish 12-5, the 49ers were always in a different stratosphere. Head Coach Kyle Shanahan put together yet another impressive season and has one of the most talented rosters at his disposal.

This team has a game-changer at nearly every position. The trio of weapons in the passing game in wide receivers Deebo Samuel and Brandon Aiyuk and tight end George Kittle is among the NFL's best. Christian McCaffrey, the league's best running back, is a Most Valuable Player candidate. The do-it-all back is the heart of this offense and creates a problem for the opposition whenever he's on the field. With these weapons around him, quarterback Brock Purdy will be dangerous if he's given time in the pocket. Even then, the former seventh-round pick proved he can make plays with his legs this postseason.

An offense this dangerous with a strong play caller in Shanahan could present the biggest challenges for one of the league's top defenses.

Pass rusher Nick Bosa is the star of the defense and makes any offensive lineman sweat when he's lined up across from them. The team also has one of the best linebacker duos in Fred Warner and Dre Greenlaw manning the middle. And you can't talk about the 49ers defense without mentioning the season that cornerback Charvaius Ward has had. The former Chief has taken big strides since his days in Kansas City, becoming one of the league's premiere corners. Almost every ball that comes his way, he's gotten a hand on. The 27-year-old led the league in pass deflections with 23 and led his team in interceptions with five. Ward is just what San Francisco needs if they want to stop a historically high-powered passing offense.

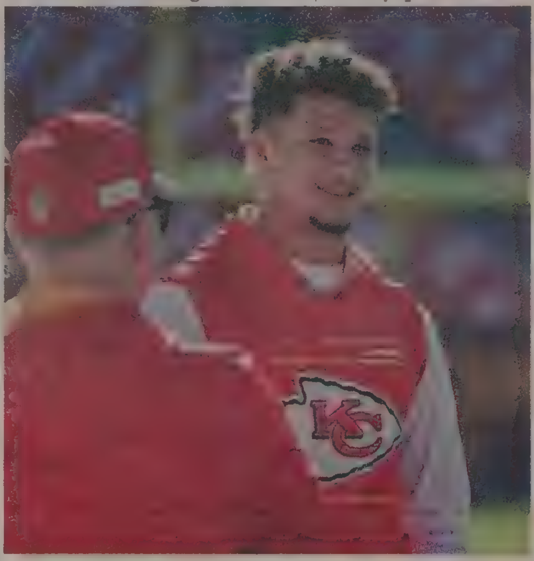
Contrary to the NFC, the American Football Conference (AFC) was ultra-competitive this season. Week-to-week teams were battling it out and it seemed as if this would be the year the Chiefs would be dethroned. That wasn't the case.

Even in what was considered a down year for the Chiefs' standards, the reigning champs are back playing for another Lombardi Trophy. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes and tight end Travis Kelce are always a threat for big plays and rookie wide receiver Rashee Rice and downhill power running back Isiah Pacheco have given teams problems as well. But this year, the team's done it on the back of its defense. The group led by defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo is dangerous and is certainly up for the challenge the 49ers offense presents.

Up front, defensive tackle Chris Jones and defensive end George Karlaftis are every quarterback's worst nightmare. The duo consistently ravaged the offensive backfield and tallied 11 and 13 sacks respectively (including the playoffs). In all,

Spagnuolo knows how to dial up the pressure as his group finished with 57 sacks on the year, and the coverage has been just as impressive.

Cornerbacks L'Jarius Sneed and Trent McDuffie stepped up in a big way, heading a top pass defense. Sneed consistently took away top receivers, and McDuffie earned his first all-pro selection for his efforts, which included lockdown coverage from the slot and five forced fumbles. As if the electric duo of Mahomes and Kelce wasn't hard enough to deal with, this feisty Kansas City defense and Spagnuolo's schemes should create a tough challenge.



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Patrick Mahomes will look to cement himself into quarterback history with a third Super Bowl ring.

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Nick Bosa will look to back up two sack performance last week during the Super Bowl this weekend.

Etown Wrestling loses heartbreaker to Alvernia University

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The Elizabethtown College wrestling team welcomed Alvernia University to Elizabethtown, Pa. this past weekend on Saturday, Feb. 3 at home. It was their second head-to-head matchup this season. While the Blue Jays had hoped to get some revenge for their earlier defeat, they went on to lose a nailbiter, as Alvernia narrowly escaped this one with a 23-22 victory.

As the match kicked off, Etown had the early edge thanks to fourth-year Ethan Liptzin. The Blue Jays wrestler for the 125-weight class added four points after he notched an early win to put his team ahead. The 12-0 major decision gave Etown the momentum early with a 4-0 lead.

However, the momentum quickly started to shift as the match progressed. Over the next five weight classes, Alvernia proved dominant. They would win all five of those matches.. Two were by decision for three points each, one by a major decision for four points and two by technical fall for five points each. This five-win stretch would quickly build up their lead to 20-4. Such a lead was incredibly difficult to come back from with just four matches left in Saturday's event, but Etown showed resilience in those last four.

With the odds stacked against them, the Blue Jays locked in. They took three of the last four by way of a pin, earning six points for each win. Second-year Ganon Smith of the 174-weight class shifted the tide with a spectacular pinfall and fourth-years Trai Roland at 184 and Dylan Waller in the 285 class also made strong contributions to closing the gap. Smith earned a fall in 2:16, Roland earned his in 2:12 and Waller in 3:57.

However, with such a large deficit, Etown needed to win all four of the final matches on the day if they wanted a chance at winning. While the team put up a valiant attempt, they came up just short, winning three of the last four. It was an agonizing defeat but was certainly an impressive effort put on display against the 14th ranked Alvernia Golden Wolves.

Still, the Blue Jays maintain an 8-2 record on the season with some impressive wins highlighting their schedule. They will have the chance to bounce back this week, as they get into the final stretch of their season. With about a month to go before the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Mideast Regional Championships, the Blue Jays will look to finish the season strong and then set their sights on postseason play.

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Etown makes it a competitive contest, but falls short in 23-22 loss to Alvernia University.

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High Library Launches Plant Loaning Program

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Starting this semester, students now have the opportunity to borrow a plant from the High Library. On January 24th, the library hosted a plant potting party in the Idea Lab, at which students were able to plant one of the library's 50 plants and take it home. Some of these plants were donated by students and faculty, while the rest came from a grant from the Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania.

You might be wondering why the High Library started this program in the first place. According to Etown librarian Sarah Penniman, the idea sprouted from similar practices elsewhere. "Some libraries… do seed libraries, where you can check out some seeds and then plant them," said Penniman, "but then we thought, what would happen if we circulated the plants themselves?" Etown is creative when it comes to making new programs

With that, the idea of the plant lending program was born. It became open to the student body with the plant potting party, which proved to be a huge success. Ms. Penniman says that everyone had a great time at the party. "Some of them have never planted a plant before, so it was a wonderful experience all around. We were so happy to be able to provide that opportunity in addition to the plants." Since the potting event, the rest of the plants quickly found their temporary loving homes with individual members of the student body. "All of our plants went out and were borrowed within the first week, if not the first 72 hours." Penniman stated. That means that there are currently no more plants left to borrow until the beginning of the next semester.

The plants themselves may offer their own sense of calm to students who check them out. "We found studies that suggested that being in the presence of greenery and caring for plants is helpful in reducing stress, and we appreciated the nurturing aspect in caring for the plants." Said Penniman. We thought it would just be a nice boost in the middle of the winter to be able to offer this service."

If you are considering checking out a plant next semester, do not be discouraged by the fear of killing it . The responsibility of owning a plant is more easily comparable to that of a pet rock than a pet dog. According to the High Library's "Guide to Care and Feeding" page on its website, the plant doesn't need much more than sunlight and water (and maybe a little bit of love). These plants should only need a small amount of water once a week or so. You can tell when it needs water by the way that the soil feels: if it is dry to the touch, then the plant is thirsty. If it is still damp, then it might be wise to wait before watering it again so that mold does not grow and the plant does not drown.

This guide also contains a reassuring

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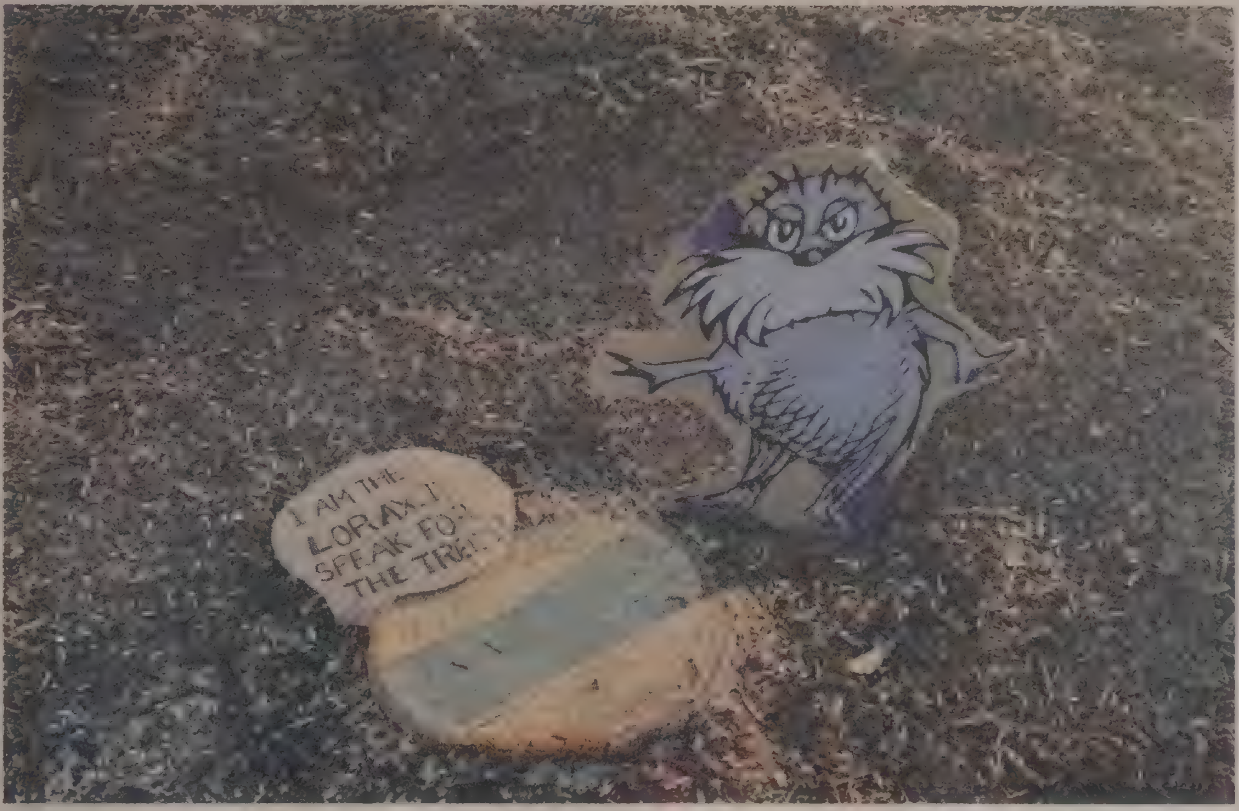
Elizabethtown College Community Responds to the Campus's "Deforestation"



Courtesy of Thatcher Baney

The Lorax appeared at one of the tree stumps in front of the High Library.

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Over the course of the past few weeks, it seems one question has been on the minds of every student on campus. Where is our beloved tree?

For those who may be unaware of the absence of one of the campus's most iconic trees, the tree used in the college's annual tree-lighting ceremony has seemingly vanished. The tree had previously sat in a prime location on campus, being directly located in front of Zug Memorial Hall just off the set path heading up the hill. While if you weren't previously familiar with its coveted location, now in its place lies a remnant of a movement. Upon the solemn stump sits the Lorax, well a cardboard cutout of the beloved character that is. Alongside him a sign with his iconic line,

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Study Abroad Team Aims to Help Students

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One of the Signature Learning Experiences at Elizabethtown College is studying abroad as it is considered a cross-cultural experience. It is emphasized as an option for any student who is interested and even past that often encouraged for many majors. Many students have never even left the country, so leaving all they know behind can seem unthinkable. However, the time outside of the area they are familiar with allows students to expand their understanding of the world and themselves. With every experience studying abroad comes unique challenges and triumphs for the students on them.

Jaimie Ramos, the Study Abroad Advisor, explains the benefits of studying abroad past just the experience of being able to do it at an affordable cost and being at a school that actively encourages it; "Whatever degree you work in, it's m important to have perspective And I think perspective can only be gained when you put yourself in an area that you're not familiar with and that's really what study abroad does it's supposed to teach you bow to be comfortable in an area that you otherwise would not."

Considering that, students have a lot of questions before making a commitment to study abroad. One way the college already addresses that need is through the Study Abroad Team and Department that are in Nicarry. A multitude of departments here on campus depend on their student workers to help other students during their time at college. Since 2022, Study Abroad has been one of those departments when Jaimie came to Elizabethtown after his own experiences abroad and as a student at Elizabethtown College.

Courtesy of Delaney Peckham

Students can visit Nicarry 117 and 118 to meet the team.

The students who work alongside Jaimie were picked for their skills and experiences abroad and how that could relate to the wider student experience. Layla has been on the team since her study abroad experience in 2022. Alyssa, the newest member of the team this year, started working with the office following her study abroad experience in Spring 2023

Layla Murphy is the social media manager and one of two study abroad peer advisors alongside Alyssa Eckstein, an OT

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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2024 is an election year, and while it seems to be a repeat of 2020, there is one new player in the game: Artificial Intelligence (AI). People around the world are expressing concerns over how AI can skew the results of the elections. AI can be used to create incriminating videos or audios of candidates that do not represent their political platforms. With the way videos can spread on social media, especially TikTok, like wildfire, it makes sense that the general public is concerned.

Luckily, lawmakers on a global and national scale are starting to take control.

Friday was the 2024 Munich Security Conference. As of Feb. 15, according to ABC News,. six technology giants are planning to sign an agreement to discourage the use of AI in political spaces on their platforms. The companies, who put out a joint statement, include Adobe, Google, Facebook's Meta, Microsoft, OpenAI and TikTok, along with other smaller companies.

"We affirm that the protection of electoral integrity and public trust is a shared responsibility and a common good that transcends partisan interests and national borders," the draft agreement says, according to POLITCO.

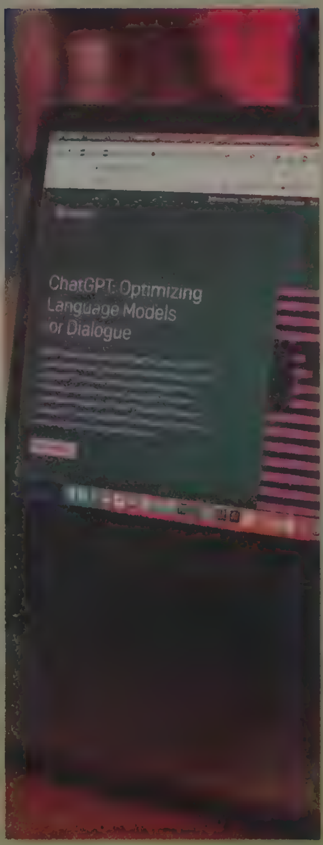
X, Elon Musk's rebranding of Twitter, was not included in the statement and did not respond to ABC New's request for comments.

This is a direct response after an incident in New Hampshire where an AI of President Joe Biden's voice was used to discourage people from voting.

Nationally, Oregon lawmakers are taking a stance against the use of AI. According to Oregon Public Broadcast, Senator Aaron Wilson introduced Senate Bill 1571, which would force political campaigns and advertisements to disclose if they are using AI. If campaigns violate the bill, the Oregon Secretary of State could file a lawsuit, and they would face a fine of up to $10k. This bill has bipartisan support, a rarity into today's political climate.

Critics argue that political campaigns using AI aren't where the concern lies. It's the AI on social media. Any person can use ChatGPT or other AI platforms to generate deepfakes. While Microsoft and Google have initiatives to combat it, nothing is foolproof. Critics say that we need to be building awareness of deepfakes and other inappropriate usage of AI.

Whether you applaud the future of AI or detest it, there is no use denying that it is becoming part of our culture. Let's hope that it doesn't find a way to control it.



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Response to the Campus's "Deforestation"

"I am the Lorax, I speak for the trees!" His timeless message and reminder have not fallen on deaf ears within the college, as the Lorax's representation upon that stump has raised questions and concern across the community as a whole.

One supporter of the iconic Dr. Seuss' character stated, "It was something that added to the natural beauty to the campus and made my walk to class in the morning a little bit more enjoyable" -Nolan Yost said, first-year environmental science major said.

Another called it, "An enduring legacy, cast away by something new" Camdyn Buohl said, first-year biochemistry major said.

But there had to be more to this story. Why the removal of the iconic tree?

While its seemingly overnight disappearance may have been disheartening for some, the truth of the situation is less malevolent than some may think. After getting in contact with Mr. Jerry Schaber, who is the Director of Facilities Management for the Facilities Department, it was clear that this was a necessary action.

It was brought to the attention of Mr. Schaber by Mr. Michael Fasick that the tree had to be removed. As Mr. Schaber expressed to me "Michael Fasick, Grounds Supervisor, is the person who makes the determination on whether trees need to be removed. Mr. Fasick has a Bachelor of Science in Turfgrass Science with a minor in Agribusiness and is an ISA-certified Arborist." While this may be understandably upsetting to some it was also made aware to me, that in the words of Mr. Schaber, "The tree in question (the one in front of Zug used for the tree lighting ceremony), was found to be diseased and beyond the point of which treatment could save the tree."

While to our friend the Lorax and many on campus this may be upsetting news, a new light has emerged at the end of the tunnel. Looking towards next year, a new tree has been discovered as an optimal replacement for our cherished conifer. While this may be a bittersweet ending to a timeless piece of this campus for some, looking forward, the lights

Courtesy of Jerry Schaber

Facilities plants new trees.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Democrats confirmed their control over the Pennsylvania state House the day before Valentine's Day, leaving Speaker Joanna McClinton in control of the chamber. Jim Prokopiak, who formerly held a position as a school board member in suburban Philadelphia, took over the seat from fellow Democrat John Galloway, who resigned after winning a judicial race.

Although the Democrats kept hold of their one-seat majority, they won't be in session for nearly another month due to repairs on a leaky House ceiling. The House won't be back for a voting session until March 17th.

When they come back, legislators will begin the process of passing the $48.3 billion budget which Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro unveiled. Bumps to higher education weren't the only thing in the governor's budget address.

A big headliner of the budget is legalized recreational marijuana, which would be taxed to bring in additional revenue for the state along with skill games, similar to slots, which are common in bars. Don't get too excited though — the budget doesn't include a specific plan of action for a weed rollout.

Marijuana would have a 20 percent tax, a high price in comparison with Pennsylvania's six percent liquor tax.

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Medical marijuana is currently legal in Pennsylvania, although a limited number of dispensaries can create problems for those with a so-called "green card."

Recreational marijuana is legal in nearly all fo the states that border Pennsylvania, including Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia.

In early January, an analysis from Spotlight PA, a nonprofit news organization, showed that anxiety disorders were listed as the only qualifying condition on medical marijuana cards in 40 percent of cases. Chronic pain was the second-highest qualifier for those with one condition.

A tax on marijuana would be a source of income for the state, specifically if recreational marijuana was legalized. Although recreational marijuana has some supporters from both sides of the aisle, key Pennsylvania Republicans have said that they will never vote in support of the measure until it's legalized at the federal level.

Another budget item that could catch the average college student's eye is an increased minimum wage. Under Shapiro's budget, the minimum wage would be $15 an hour — a high price for a legislature that's failed to pass even a $10 minimum wage. The increase would result in more tax dollars to the state, which is important because the budget would take $14 million of the cash reserves the state has built up.

Many of the specifics in Shapiro's budget will have to be passed through code bills, which can take all summer to figure out. The big-ticket items will likely be haggled over in the state House, before being sent to the Republican-controlled state Senate.

Shapiro's budget address comes not long after his first budget was finally passed. He did not meet the June 30th deadline in his first budget as governor, although the deadline does not carry as much weight as it did decades ago.

He will have to work with a divided legislature to try and hit the June 30 deadline this year.

Plant Loaning Program Launches

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message for anxious potential plant parents: "Keep in mind, plants don't typically die in a week. There's plenty of wiggle room for mistakes." Keeping a plant evidently has the added benefit of teaching problem-solving skills, as the owner can decide which variables to change in order to maintain a healthy herb. Of course, the librarians are always available to answer your questions as well.

If your borrowed plant does die, have no fear: there is no fine. You can take it back to the library and try again with a new one next semester.

For more information about the program and the wonders of plant parenthood, check your inbox for an email sent by High Library Elizabethtown College.

Courtesy of High Library

Librarians pose for a photo at the plant potting party.

Spring Study Abroad Team Announced

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major. As a social media manager, Layla runs the Study Abroad Instagram and takes pictures at related events. Since she's a digital media production major, this helps her hone on the skills she will use in her professional field. Alyssa as an OT major can relate to and understand a lot of the OT specific students who want to study abroad and had a more immersive experience in Italy rather than being in a city.

The idea of having a team for study abroad rather than an advisor alone makes sense for the mission of Study abroad, the peer advisors can give perspective that a faculty or advisor alone cannot and give their personal experience based on where they traveled. It may be intimidating to talk to an authority figure, but with talking about studying abroad through a student, students can ask all the questions they realistically about budget, what to bring, and any other issues crossing their mind.

Overall, though, the team encourages students to stop by the office during the study abroad process. Jaimie "go[es] off an open-door policy. And even if my door's closed and I see a student, I can normally kind of just pause the meeting quickly and talk to the student. Because sometimes it's something they want to know right away, and I understand that."

Layla Murphy echoed the idea of using the office as a resource by stating that "the main thing is that everyone wants to help you. Any small idea you have, we want to make that happen if we can. People should feel open to come in. We really want to help people study abroad and travel."

For those who want to get in contact with students and/or Jamie Ramos, their contact information is on the Study Abroad section of the Elizabethtown College website where students can directly schedule an in-person or Zoom appointment with Jamie Ramos. Additionally, students can email either of the Study Abroad peer advisors or visit during their office hours which are Tuesday through Thursday 2-4 and Fridays 12-3.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The U.S. Senate worked over the Super Bowl weekend to advance an aid package for Ukraine that's been slowly moving through. The grueling progress of the bill, which is due to limited bipartisan support, comes near the two-year anniversary of Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine. Tensions between the two have been ongoing for the last 10 years, after Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine, but escalated further in February 2022.

Sending the package, which currently puts a $95.3 billion price tag on aid to Ukraine, has some bipartisan support, including from Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, the senate minority leader.

McConnell called the United States the "indispensable nation, the leader of the free world," and said the world's eyes are watching as America reacts to conflict.

Many Republicans are not in line with McConnell, especially as former president and current presidential frontrunner Donald Trump is actively opposing the package, and aid to Ukraine in general. Posting on his social media platform, Trump said the U.S. should stop being "stupid," and suggested loaning instead of sending aid to Ukraine.

Republican Sen. Rick Scott brought up concerns that were echoed from others within his own party, posting on X (formerly Twitter), "Why should we vote to send money and resources to secure Ukraine's border before we secure our own?"

The bill originally was tied to U.S. border security measures, but negotiations slowed down the process of the bill.

On Super Bowl Sunday, 18 Republicans joined with Senate Democrats to vote for the measure, however it hasn't fully passed the Senate, and if it does, it's likely to die in the GOP-controlled House.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, did not give an answer when asked about the aid, and said he's waiting for the Senate process to finish. According to the Associated Press, some members of the House have said they could remove Johnson from the Speaker's rostrum if he holds a vote on Ukraine.

On the Senate floor, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said there's not, "a snowball's chance in hell of getting it [the aid package] through the House."

The bill includes $60 billion for Ukraine, most of it to purchase defense equipment and $8 billion for the Kyiv government.

The bill isn't only about Ukraine though — it would also push through $14 billion for Israel and $9.2 billion for humanitarian assistance in Gaza.

Business Buzz

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In 2020, the number of employees working from home more than tripled. Four years after the pandemic, companies are trying to decide if remote work is here to stay. Over the last few months there's been a push for many employees to return to the office.

Return to office (RTO) mandates stem from the belief that in-office work is more productive than being remote, but this isn't necessarily backed with evidence. Studies on productivity and remote work vary widely depending on industry, the employee, and management of remote teams. One of the popularly cited studies was conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research in July of 2023, but the study itself focuses on a data entry position and measures the productivity of the employees by the number of correct data entries they made per minute — which isn't really how most people work. While this drop in productivity might be true in the data entry field, applying it to all industries is a stretch. Each workplace is different and there's an endless list of factors at play shaping remote employee productivity that makes it incredibly difficult to prove or disprove this question in a controlled study.

But RTO mandates go deeper than productivity, many organizations reference the death of company culture as a bigger reason they want employees to come back. There's fear that employees will become disengaged from the company and that there is a certain level of connectivity and team-building that can only happen in-person. From my own experiences of online school and using Zoom during the pandemic, there is an undeniable isolation and disconnect from others that comes with it. Even with intentional, team-building virtual events, the connection only goes so far.

However, RTO mandates haven't brought back the pre-pandemic workplace. With an increasing number of employees wanting a say in the way they work, employers risk losing key talent, leading many businesses to land somewhere in between remote and in-person — the hybrid form of work. More companies are opting for a work model with a certain amount of required "in-office" days; typically three days in-person, two remote. This compromise comes after the push-back many employees had against a full five-day return to in-person work. It allows for the creation of company culture and community but tempers it with less commuting and greater flexibility for employees.

The pandemic had a lasting impact on the way we live, changing the landscape of the workplace. While remote work was a product of the pandemic, it seems its new, hybrid form is here for the foreseeable future. Offering the best of both worlds, a hybrid work environment ensures that employees get the most out of their days while also being connected to their company and coworkers. It expands the talent pool of businesses as employees can come from a larger radius while simultaneously potentially lowering costs because of the reduced office space necessary for employees. The hybrid work environment looks different for each company, but it looks as though it is here to stay.

Center launches initiatives to aid students with their career goals

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The Career Closet provides professional attire for presentations, meet and greets and many other events on campus.

The Career Development Center is an Elizabethtown College office that provides assistance for students and alumni in career-oriented goals. Their work focuses on aiding current students with career exploration options as well as job transitions for alumni students. The Career Development Center has also worked with various employers in an effort to encourage the recruitment of Etown students for competitive jobs and internships.

The Career Development Center's mission is to provide "high-quality, holistic, and comprehensive career development to empower and educate members of the Elizabethtown College community in their professional growth." Counselors at the Career Development Center work towards achieving this goal by being an accessible resource for students.

One of the initiatives launched by the Career Development Center is EtownConnect. This program provides current students with a network of Etown alumni and friends through an online database that includes information about the alumni signed up for the program and their contact information. When signing up for EtownConnect, students are encouraged to include an overview about their general career interests, why they are taking the step of reaching out, their class year, and their major. Etown alumni and friends volunteer their time and advice to better aid current students and share their expertise.

"One of the main goals of attending college is to get a job in your field of interest," said Director of the Career Development Center Maureen Brown said. "The Career Development Center can help you prepare to find that job by assisting you with internships, resume writing, interviewing, and salary negotiation, among other things."

The Career Development Center has several resources on their website that help students with career questions, such as "What can I do with this major?" One of the resources links to a website produced by the University of Tennessee's Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration. It allows students to explore the different avenues that their career can take them and allows them to think in creative ways when it comes to career exploration.

"We would like to say that at the Career Development Center, we hope to see you early and often during your college career," Brown said. "Ideally, students should start to work with us in their first or second year at Etown."

Students may struggle to find suitable internships during their time in college, so the Career Development Center has resources that work to ensure that students gain valuable job and internship experience during their time at Etown. "Internships are an important part of Experiential Learning," the Career Development Center website states. "Simply put, having an internship experience allows you to better understand prospective work environments and allows you to make networking connections, as well as gain real-world skills."

"Some common employers that hire our students for internships and full-time jobs are: Clark Associates, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts, Deloitte, High Industries, Eurofins, Enterprise Mobility, Steinman Communications and WebFX," Brown said. "This is not an inclusive list! We have had over 250 unique organizations recruiting on-campus since 2021."

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Director of the Career Development Center Maureen Brown meets with a student one-on-one for development.

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Etown office helps students with career questions

unique organizations recruiting on-campus since 2021."

Handshake is often used by the Career Development Center to find internships for students. There are currently over 26,000 postings live on Handshake. It is a website that lists career opportunities for college students and it can be used by any Etown student. Students do not need to create a new account, as they can simply use their Etown SSO log in.

"Employers have shared with us that they look for at least 1-2 internships by the time a student graduates," Brown said. "The best way students can prepare for the workforce is by working with our team early and often."

To learn more about Handshake or other internship resources, students can either utilize the resources provided online by the Career Development Center's website or arrange an in-person meeting with one of the counselors available. Appointments are made through Handshake.There are also drop-in hours that vary throughout the year, which students can utilize for resume creation or review, cover letter creation or review, internship or job search help or practice interviews. This semester's drop-in hours are Fridays 2-3:30PM in the Career Development Center's office. The Career Development Center also schedules appointments over breaks.

Faculty often invite the Career Development Center to share more about what resources the Center has to offer by presenting in classrooms. Students are encouraged to not only utilize the information shared during class, but also enroll in career pathway courses such as "Exploring Career and Purposeful Pathways (CP141)" and "Professional Skills Development and Defining Career Goals (CP151)".

"We have already connected with 498 students through 60 plus classroom presentations this academic year," Brown said. "Faculty, staff and student organizations can request a presentation on topics such as Career Development Center overview and resources, resume presentation, cover letter presentation, interviewing and much more."

Brown became the Director of the Career Development Center in July and has begun implementing changes aimed at making the Career Development Center services more accessible for students, as well as increasing the Career Development Center's visibility on campus. The Career Development Center staff has met with over 300 students via appointments this academic year, which is a huge increase from previous years. Brown has also launched seven new signature events for the semester: Dinner, Dimes and DIY, Seniors Transitions, Virtual Graduate School Fair, Sports Symposium, Creative Careers Week, Creative & Public Service Careers Meet & Greet, Resumania Week and Mock Madness Week over the past year.

"Our goal is to meet students where they are to address their needs," Brown said. "Additionally, we started surveying students after their appointments with us to ensure that we are meeting students' needs."

There are a number of upcoming events this semester that encourage students to search for career opportunities as well as basic adulting tips. The Career Development Center has several upcoming "Meet & Greet" events where students can meet potential employers, whether it is engineering, business, creative arts or any other career pathway. The dates, times, locations and registration links are all found on the Career Development Center's website.

Students are encouraged to sign up for appointments via Handshake or visit drop-in hours in BSC 201.

OSA brings students together into a fun "Game Night"

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A large number of people attended the game night, including groups of friends and single people who were just eager to play the different games that were available, which included Uno cards.

The Office of Students Activities (OSA) has always found a way to create entertaining activities for both students and Elizabethtown College's staff to enjoy. Game night is just one of their activities.

On February 9th, the OSA game night took place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.in the Jay Lounge. This event brought many of various groups around campus to come together and enjoy a night of fun and relaxation. The OSA coordinators for this event had in mind while organizing to do something different– to reach a different level of interest and a different audience.

Coming into a room filled with laughter and pure joy is very welcoming and important.

As midterms come around the corner, students just want to spend an evening not thinking about assignments or reviewing materials. Everyone has a main goal to have fun at this event, but that could not have happened if the OSA did not have an amazing team, which they do. They can transform an environment into a safe and positive place for anyone.

A large number of people attended the game night, including groups of friends and single people who were just eager to play the different games that were available, which included "Uno", several board games, "Super Smash Bros." on the Nintendo and giant "Jenga".

When asked about their motivation for attending, the majority of participants stated that these gatherings allow them to leave their rooms and take a brief break from studying in order to refuel. Events such as these are always anticipated by them to keep them occupied during the school year. The OSA claims that this Game Night is the second out of three during the school year, so be on watch for the last one to come.

Schumy J. Pascal, a second-yearwith a major in public health and a minor in technical design commented on the event

"I am not much of a gamer but coming here was refreshing, spending time with friends in a room that has a good aura to in it." Pascal said. Many people around agreed with her statement.

"If I knew that OSA's events were this fun, I would have attended each one of them. From now on I will come to as many events as I can," Sarah Smith said. Smith is a first-year majoring in engineering, with a

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OSA brings students together for games and prizes

concentration in electrical engineering.

Those in attendance were remarkably grateful for the opportunity to express themselves through games. "Until today, I never knew that I would one day play 'Super Smash Bros.' with my residence assistant," a commenter said.

As usual, OSA performed a fantastic job with this event, and they will undoubtedly do so again with the numerous events that are still to come before the end of the school year. The OSA has many other activities lined up in its calendar. For people who love to listen to poetry or are interested in it, they are welcome to attend the event coming up soon. And for those who would love to play again or give it a try, OSA's famous Game Night is also approaching soon.

For more information, I encourage you to visit their main page on Instagram @etownosa or on their website https://www.etown.edu/offices/community-living/office-student-activities/index.aspx

Etown alumnus talks about forensic genealogy as a career

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On February 7th, the Bowers Writers House hosted Elizabethtown College alumnus Eric Schubert '23 in an event titled, "Capturing the Cold Case: Eric Schubert's Journey through Forensic Exploration." Schubert, who graduated with a public history degree, is an internationally recognized genealogist and a Forensic Genetic Genealogist with ES Genealogy.

Schubert began his career in genealogy at the age of ten, after teaching himself how to assess genetic linkages and reach conclusions based on these findings. Schubert believes that this area of research is not fully understood, and he has made it a goal of his to talk to people about the work he does and how it relates to peoples' daily lives. Schubert has been featured on People Magazine, The New York Times, The Washington Post, "Good Morning America", as well as a number of other publications. This has allowed him to share what genealogists do to a wide variety of people.

Schubert rose to fame last year after cracking a 57-year-old murder cold case, whose victim was 9-year-old Marise Chiverella. Schubert worked with the Pa. State Police, and he stated that his work involves interacting a lot with and aiding law enforcement. The process involved inputting suspected DNA into public genealogy databases, creating family trees, and going through a process of elimination to determine the best match.

Genealogists usually follow a similar process as the one followed by Schubert. Professionals in the field work to trace an individual's heritage using family trees, census records, and DNA databases that are publicly accessible. This allows the genealogist to put pieces of a puzzle together. Schubert discussed issues that people may bring up in terms of privacy concerns. He said that he understands why people may have those concerns, but he also believes that if people knew how it actually worked then those concerns would not necessarily exist.

Eric Shubert
has been featured in
The Washington Post,
Good Morning America,
People Magazine, The
New York Times and
many other
publications!

"It does not matter if you are against submitting your DNA," Schubert said. "Because a close family member would have likely submitted their own DNA online, which would help us basically solve the case without the need for a specific person's DNA. Also, people usually agree to the usage of their DNA when they submit it online. You are asked multiple times to agree to sharing your DNA to the public database."

Schubert talked about some of the challenges he faces in his line of work. Since genealogy is a developing field, many people may question the process and the results' validity. He believes that the field will play a bigger role in the future as the methodology and technology develops.

"At the end of the day, it is a team effort," said Schubert. "You have to thank the detectives, law enforcement, and everyone involved in the process or investigation."

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Eric Schubert presents to members of the Elizabethtown College Community in the Bowers Writers House.

Which of these great reads are you based on your zodiac sign?

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As an English major and self-proclaimed bibliophile, I love to read. Nothing brings me more joy than reading or buying books. I mean, my desk does have about 25 books waiting to be read. My roommate, graduate Physician Assistant Program student, Emily Acri even put me on a book-buying ban. All of this is to say that I know my books. For this week's edition of the horoscopes, let's see what book you should buy from Midtown Scholar or Barnes and Noble this weekend based on your zodiac sign. Make sure to look at your sun, moon and rising to make the most complete TBR list! Please check out trigger warnings before you read.

Aries- You live for competition, so I think you should (re)visit the popular 2010 book, "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. You'll be furiously flipping through pages, eyes burning, to see if Katniss Everdeen can overcome the odds and win the Hunger Games.

Taurus- You like a little luxury, Taurus, and there's no shame in that, but it can sometimes overtake you. Give another chance to the English class classic, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Jay Gatsby may represent the American dream, but that dream isn't necessarily one we want.

Gemini- You're a very talented person, and sometimes, you wonder what path you should follow. Thus, your book is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Watch as Nora tests out the different lives she could've lived and see that maybe her ideal life is the one she's currently living.

Cancer- Your book is the classic "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. Don't get intimidated by the fancy language. Really spend the time getting to know the text, even read a few summaries if you need to, and I think you'll really enjoy the story of Elizabeth Bennet learning to let down her guard.

Leo- The book for Leos is "Carrie Sotto is Back" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. This book is part of Reid's Golden Hollywood set. I think you'll appreciate the titular character's unapologetic nature. She refuses to back down and won't accept anything but being number one. Sound like anyone you know?

Virgo- You want your books to have a bit of substance and be applicable to your real life, so I think a memoir is right up your alleyway. Your book is "Greenlights" by Matthew McConaughey. Rumor has it that he wrote the book himself, a rarity in the celebrity memoir world. McConaughey is surprisingly wise, and you'll enjoy his life lessons.

Libra- The book for you is "If Cats Disappeared From the World" by Genki Kawamura. It follows a mailman who discovers that his life is about to end. The Devil offers him the chance to live longer if he takes away one new thing each day. It's a beautiful story about finding the small joys in life.

Scorpio- Despite what you tell yourself, you love media that makes you emotional. Your book is "If We Were Villains" by M.L. Rio. It combines a love story and found family gone wrong all within a thriller. You'll find yourself gasping with the plot twists, and it'll make your cold, dead heart pound.

Sagittarius- Even doing pleasure reading, you like to still be learning. Your book is "Babel" by R.F. Kuang, which combines fantasy elements with Oxford University in the eighteenth century. You'll learn so much about the etymology of certain words. Sometimes, the footnotes take up half the page, but the story is worth the work.

Capricorn- Your book is "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. This story is a testament to friendship between two video game designers. It spans years of their friendship, and I think you'll appreciate the timeline. This was my favorite read of 2023!

Aquarius- The book for you is "Ella Minnow Pea" by Mark Dunn. It's told through a series of letters where the characters have to slowly stop using certain letters. For awhile, you won't realize that the letter 'u' hasn't been used in chapters, but then, it'll hit you. This is the perfect book for someone who wants to try something experimental.

Pisces- Everyone who knows me knows that I love "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky, and it's for a good reason. It reminds me a lot of you, Pisces. It's deeply sentimental, and you'll relate a lot to Charlie as he struggles to escape the safe world of books and start to participate.

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Now is the perfect time to add yet another book to your To Be Read list!

Club Feature

The Women in STEM Club uplifts, inspires and advocates for its members entering the STEM fields after college

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At Elizabethtown College, there are a wide variety of diverse clubs and organizations centered around the motto "Educate for Service". Considering this, it's important to represent our school's range of interests. This is why the Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) club has become such a foundational organization, attracting students fascinated by the STEM fields in majors like biology, health professions, chemistry, engineering, occupational therapy and pre-physician assistant.

Secretary Callie Asper '26, became involved as a first-year student interested in the pre-pharmacy program. As someone who has always been passionate about advocating for female involvement in STEM, she was drawn to the club's table at an Accepted Students Day. Asper was immediately enthralled by the club after speaking with a welcoming member in the pre-pharmacy program. The club requested to follow her on Instagram right afterwards, and she was officially a member!

The club was formed in 2021 with Professor of Biology and Chair of the Health Professions Advisory Committee Debra Wohl, serving as the advisor. Current officers include Lauren Berger '26, Alexis McCusker '25, Maegan Wingert '26, Marissa Borer '26 and Callie Asper.

Asper recalls how much smaller the club was when she initially joined, elated at how much it has grown since.

"My favorite part about the club is the fact that there's so much potential," Asper said.

This potential reflects how quickly female involvement in STEM is increasing in our world and the genuine support behind it.

Throughout high school, Asper saw her peers intimidated by careers in STEM. It can be daunting to be a female in STEM, especially without a solid support system. Coming into college, Asper was impressed by the encouraging environment the Women in STEM club presented without an extreme time commitment or demand. Students who attend meetings are instantly met with members eager to uplift each other, building peers up to succeed.

One thing officers are hoping for the future of the club is more involvement from students in math and engineering fields. Additionally, the club is looking forward to having more engagement with the community, possibly connecting with local high schools to inspire and support younger students interested in STEM.

Besides club meetings, students have ample opportunities to get involved. For instance, members can volunteer for tabling at Etown Accepted Students Day, club fairs and Fall Fest.

A new and exciting opportunity for students is quickly approaching. On March 21, the Women in STEM & Women in Business organizations are holding a professional panel. Students who attend will be able to listen to six experienced women in business and STEM, ask questions and sample some delicious desserts. Asper notes that the event will depict what it means to be a female in business or STEM as well as how panelists advocated for female representation in their own lives.

Asper also recalls how inspired she was by the advice from last year's panel. One major takeaway she remembers is the importance of taking advantage of what you are given.

"If there is a research opportunity in front of you, take it," Asper said.

To highlight the members' diverse interests and majors, officers released a collection of stickers, showing off vibrant designs like DNA strands, bacteria, and programs like pre-PA, biology, and engineering. The stickers were intentionally designed to encompass the kaleidoscope of topics that fit under the STEM category.

In addition, the Women in STEM club recently had a merch drop featuring a variety of colorful crewnecks to bring awareness to the club. They are expected to have another merch drop within the next several months, so keep your eyes open for an email.

Whether you are looking for a strong female support group, help with scheduling classes or simply a place to vent your frustrations about organic chemistry, the Women in STEM Club is the place for you.

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Pictured here from left to right: Callie Asper, Lauren Berger, Maegan Wingert, Alexis McCusker and Marissa Borer.

Students of Etown

Learn about how Abigail Marks found her love for Psychology

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Third-year Psychology major Abigail Rose Marks strongly connects with Elizabethtown College's motto of "Educate for Service" and hopes to implement that motto into her future career. Originally from Bare, Md., Marks has a strong connection with her family and her faith, which drives her desire to connect with and help others.

Marks looked at several different colleges before deciding on any in particular and didn't even have Etown in her top five schools that she applied to. However, she was particularly appreciative of Etown's academic accommodations and its warm and inviting atmosphere. She currently lives in one of the on-campus houses and has enjoyed her time at Etown so far.

Marks discussed how Etown's atmosphere also felt familiar due to its motto of "Educate for Service." This was similar to the mottos of her middle and high schools, which both encouraged students to volunteer and give back to the community. To her, the transition to Etown felt like a natural progression.

Marks came to Etown with her major undecided but began exploring her interests. From there, she branched over into the Education Department to see if she would like going in that direction. She saw herself potentially working with kids with learning disabilities, as she herself has dyslexia.

"I wanted to pay it back to the people who helped me because they impacted a huge part of my schooling, education, and how I got to the point I was," Marks said.

She didn't see herself as a typical educator who stands at the board and leads the class but rather as a school psychologist who would work with kids with behavioral issues or learning disabilities. She declared this concentration later, after deciding to major in psychology. As psychology is a very broad field, Marks waited until she had taken the Career Seminar Course to hammer down exactly what she wanted to do with her major going forward.

In regards to her career path, she found guidance in a family friend who worked as a school psychologist, as well as her professors from Etown. She notes that Dr. Pretz and Dr. Dalton have both had a notable influence on her and helped her to achieve her potential.

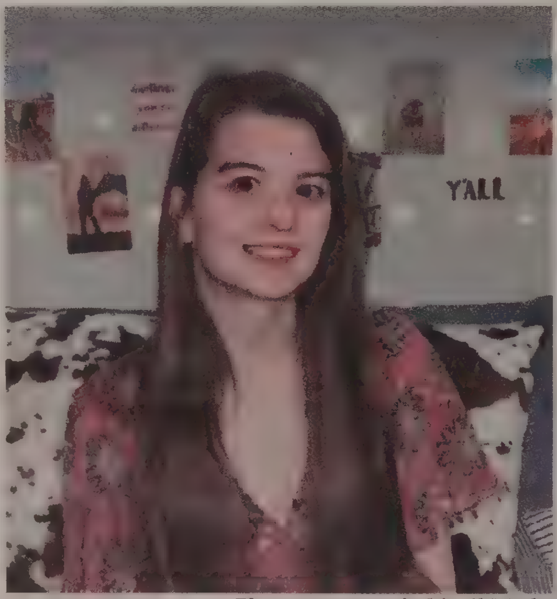
"I feel like I was able to get information and learn from them, but they also stretched my capabilities in a way, it was very challenging," Marks said.

Marks works in the Learning Zone as a Student Coordinator. She organizes tutoring requests and assists with student testing accommodations by communicating with professors, giving directions, and helping students complete the waiver forms before testing.

Marks is also a part of the Student Assembly as a Student Employee Representative. Here, she represents student workers by taking their feedback and presenting it to the Student Assembly. She also suggests new ideas for student workers to improve their experience based off of the gathered feedback.

Marks enjoys playing piano, singing and dancing in her free time. She is a part of Emotion and is in three dances. She finds dance to be therapeutic, as it gives her a chance to turn off the academic part of her brain for a bit and just get into the different characters she portrays. She will be performing in "Look What You Made Me Do", "Grease Remix" and "Lose My Breath."

"I prefer dances with less people, as I feel I can get to know everyone a bit better, but I chose more people when I want to stretch out my dance abilities and challenge myself," Marks said. Depending on the dance, she may be able to express herself in different ways.



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Marks has enjoyed her time at Etown so far, and strongly connected to the college's motto, "Educate for Service."

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2024

Feb. 18: Before Baptism - Growing up Amish

Feb. 18: Senior Recital featuring Tara Peron, soprano and Nicole Pinnella, soprano

Feb. 19: How to Dance: Debut Novelist Jason B. Dutton

Feb. 22: Born in Gaza

Feb. 26: Monday Series Concert featuring Anne Gross, soprano, and Thomas Band, piano

Feb. 26: Share a homecooked meal with students & get best tips for interviews!

Feb. 27: Clark Associates Site Visit

Feb. 28: Pennsylvania State Police, Building Bridges, presented by Trooper Dunsmore

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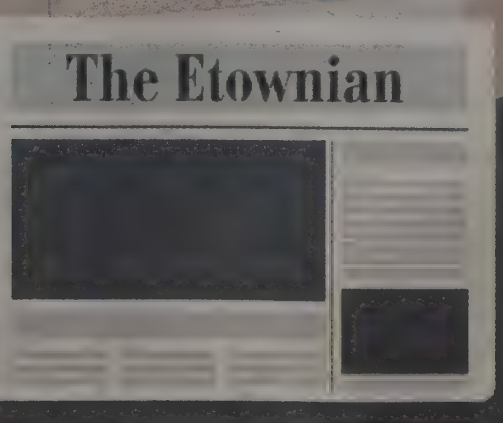

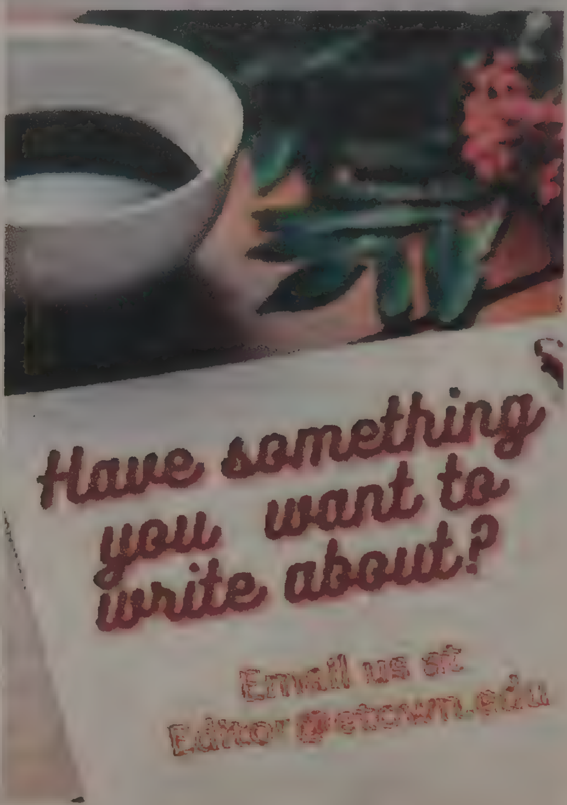

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Activity Review

Fans of both Lovecraftian monsters and Dungeons & Dragons will find a fun new experience with this TTRPG

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Whether you've played or not, it's no secret that "Dungeons & Dragons", or D&D, has recently seen an explosion in popularity, due at least in part to its appearances in several pieces of media that quickly rose to pop culture infamy. The release of Baldur's Gate III, a game based in the world of D&D that uses the mechanics of the most recent edition, certainly played a role in thrusting it into the limelight.

I'll admit, it deserves its popularity. It's versatile, intuitive and fun. But, its giant audience seems to cause other tabletop roleplaying games, or TTRPGs, to get overlooked by the masses—some that may be even more exciting for its potential playerbase.

A while ago, one of the groups I regularly play D&D with decided we should try out "Call of Cthulhu", a TTRPG based on the works of H. P. Lovecraft.

Unlike D&D, which uses a 20-sided die, "Call of Cthulhu" uses a 100-sided die (also referred to as a d100 or d%) for all of its skill checks. Each of the skills available to players are assigned a number from one to 99, and every roll requires a lower number than your score for the skill in order to be considered successful.

This also means rolling a one would be called a critical success, which is directly opposite to D&D's critical failure upon rolling a one and critical success with a 20. Because there are significantly more sides, it's also much more difficult to roll a critical success, which makes the experience significantly more satisfying.

D&D, especially in more recent editions, is also focused on giving the players the experience of being heroes. You're a party of adventurers with magic or incredible skill with a blade. But the same can't be said for "Call of Cthulhu".

The player characters in "Call of Cthulhu" are shockingly average, with the classes more like regular jobs than anything else. For example, since I wanted to be the party's healer, I opted for making a character that happened to be a nurse. Another player chose to be a police officer.

In D&D, you might fight giant beasts and powerful wizards, but if you're a high enough level and use the power of teamwork, even the most daunting fights are winnable. "Call of Cthulhu", on the other hand, doesn't want you to engage in combat. You're a regular person going against eldritch horrors beyond your imagination. You're not going to win.

As a result, "Call of Cthulhu" places more emphasis on the roleplaying, as the players begin to investigate strange happenings that will eventually lead to them uncovering more and more knowledge about the Lovecraftian mythos that surrounds them. In fact, the players are called "Investigators" in the rules of the game.

The leader of the game, usually referred to as a "Game Master" or "Dungeon Master" in D&D, is called the "Keeper." In my group, the Keeper had experience as a Dungeon Master, is an incredible storyteller and was able to describe the settings and events in a way that created amazingly tense scenes.

The game also introduces unique mechanics, like sanity and luck. After witnessing something terrible, a character can lose sanity, causing negative consequences. Luck points can be expended on successful rolls in the hopes that a small, fortunate event might occur, such as there being a gallon of gas left in the abandoned car you found.

Although I love D&D, "Call of Cthulhu" offered an original experience that was a lot of fun. If you're a fan of horror or other TTRPGs, I highly suggest giving this one a go!

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"Call of Cthulhu" isn't the typical TTRPGs, players don't engage in combat, but rather investigate and learn the cosmic secrets of the world.

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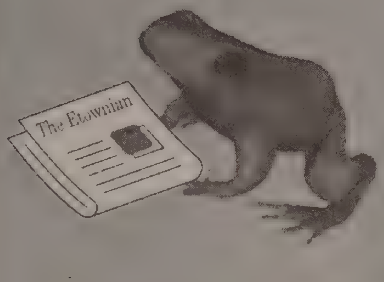

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Recipe Review

Try this easy recipe from the comfort of your dorm room

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As the semester picks up in pace, you may not always have time to make a trip to the Marketplace when you're craving some delicious baked goods. So here's a quick and simple banana bread recipe you can make in your dorm, in a microwave!

First, you'll need to gather all the ingredients: a banana, flour, granulated sugar, a neutral oil like vegetable or canola oil, milk, salt, baking powder and any topping you may want to add. You'll also need a microwave-safe mug large enough to hold all the ingredients and have space for the bread to rise. Ideally, the banana should be a bit overripe, so it's soft enough to mix in.

Bananas are always available in the Marketplace, and salt packets from the Jay's Nest work just fine. The Marketplace also has several different types of milk, so this can easily become a vegan-friendly recipe. Unfortunately, you will need to buy the other ingredients off-campus, but they can be stored and used again for future cooking.

Once you have everything you need, it's time to start measuring and mixing! Mash the banana and add one-third cup to the mug. One banana is roughly one-third cup, but I suggest measuring anyway to make sure you don't add too much.

Then, mix in one tablespoon each of oil, milk and sugar. Stir and make sure the banana has been completely mashed. Add three tablespoons of flour, a pinch of salt and one-half teaspoon of baking powder. I also added a dash of ground cinnamon for some extra flavor.

Mix all of the ingredients thoroughly, then top with whatever you like. I chose to add some walnuts and chocolate chips on top, and I think the extra sweetness was perfect.

Microwave the mug for about one minute and 20 seconds. Stick a fork or toothpick into the center to check how thoroughly it's been baked. If it comes out clean, the banana bread will turn out overcooked since it finishes baking while it cools.

While trying this recipe for myself, I found this step to be very important. If you have a microwave with a higher than average wattage, you may want to drop the time down to around a minute to start with, and add more time as needed. When overcooked, the bread ends up with a slightly gummy and sticky texture.

Let the bread stand for about three minutes out of the microwave. Sprinkle some extra salt on top if you'd like, and dig in!

The mug makes a perfect portion size for a quick break from studying, and it tastes great, too!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

Who needs an oven? This recipe for banana bread only requires the use of a trusty microwave.

Media Review

"The Office: Superfan Episodes" added to Peacock

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Are you a fan of the 2000's American sitcom "The Office"? As a comedy TV lover, I've watched "The Office" more times than I can count on one hand. Unfortunately, there's only so many times you can watch one show over and over again before everything becomes recognizable. The jokes are still there, but there's no longer that anticipation for something you haven't seen before. Well, recently, I've stumbled upon a Peacock exclusive series.

"The Office: Superfan Episodes" series covers seven of the fourteen seasons of the original, with added scenes to keep you on your toes. Even I haven't been able to tell at points what was added to the episodes because they fit in so well. Some scenes are obvious and make me wonder why they cut them out to begin with. Fans get to see more interviews from all their favorite Dunder Mifflin employees as well as scenes with full office get-togethers that weren't shown before.

The series follows a group of employees at a paper company called Dunder Mifflin. Michael Scott, regional manager, runs the Scranton, Pa. branch of the company. You get to watch the sales staff, accountants, human resource representatives, receptionists and assistants to the regional manager go about their day-to-day, average lives working at a small company. What makes the show so special is that you can put yourself into any of the character's shoes. It allows you to relate to what is going on and makes the show even more enjoyable.

The American version of "The Office" was adapted from its British counterpart that aired in 2001. The first season of the American sitcom aired in 2005 and was an obvious copy and paste from the British version. I will admit that the first season is a little rocky, even with the additional scenes. The humor gets much better as the series goes on and the show develops its own personality. I strongly suggest that those who watch give the first season some grace, because it does get better.

For those who haven't watched the series at all, I urge you to watch both the original series and the couple seasons of superfan episodes. I haven't been able to make my way through all of them yet, but what I have seen is hilarious and takes me back to the first time I sat and watched the show.

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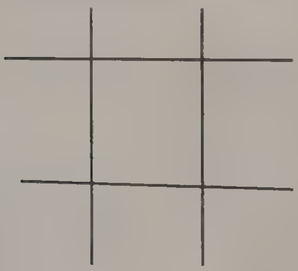
New viewers, casual fans and superfans alike will get a kick out of the extra scenes.



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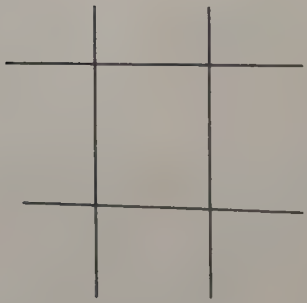

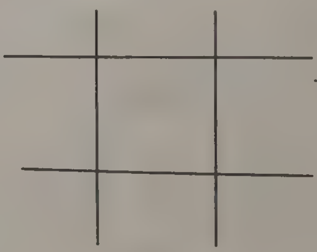

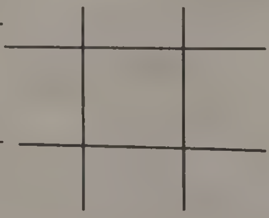

Men's Volleyball downs Widener at home

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The Elizabethtown College men's volleyball team extended their winning streak to three games on Thursday, Feb. 8. The Blue Jays took the court and continued their dominance at home, taking the match three sets to one, moving the team to 6-3, including a 4-1 record in front of their home fans.

Etown dominated in almost every statistical category by the day's end. Offensively, the team finished with 50 kills to Widener's 37 and also earned seven aces. Second-year outside hitter Logan Smith led the way in kills with 14 and graduate student Alex Finch and fourth-year Nick Chapman were also forces to be reckoned with. Finch tallied 13 kills and Chapman finished with 10. Fourth-year Nate Seeger and third-year Ben Robbins were also threats with two aces each, a team high.

The Blue Jays were also ready for anything on the defensive end. With 51 digs, they did a tremendous job at keeping Widener's attacks at bay. Second-year Dustin Hagin led the charge defensively, leading the team with 17 digs. Finch and Chapman played huge roles as well, turning back Widener's opportunities with nine digs a piece.

It was a strong start for Etown. They ran away with the first set with a 25-19 win. Widener kept it close throughout the majority of the set, but Etown soon took over. Up one point, 16-15, the Jays went on a run that'd see them take six of the next seven points en route to their set win. Finch and Chapman were the main culprits, earning points early to spring the momentum in Etown's favor.

In the second set, Etown would fall behind by as many as six. However, the team regrouped and found a spark. They'd have runs where they'd score three, four and five straight points. Widener kept themselves in striking range, but the Blue Jays would eventually prove to be too much, winning 26-24 and finding a two set advantage early.

Widener took the third set 25-23 and held the lead throughout most of the set. Etown would once again try to rally with some late set magic, scoring seven of the last nine points. However, the seven point advantage their counterparts had built up was just too much.

Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko, Elizabethtown College Athletics
The Etown Men's Volleyball Team managed to win against Widener.

Although Widener took the third set, the Blue Jays wouldn't let this one slip away and took the last set 25-21. Just like their other set wins, Etown was thriving off energy. It looked like Widener was well on their way to tying this thing up, but Etown sparked another run. A kill by Smith down three points would get the Blue Jays into a rhythm. They'd score eight of the next nine points to grab a four point lead and they wouldn't look back.

This win helped the Jays move to three games over the .500 mark. After a game with Hood College on Tuesday Feb. 13, …. Next up, Etown will take on Kean College in Union, N.J. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

Men's and Women's basketball celebrate Senior Day with wins

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's basketball teams celebrated Senior Day in a big way on Saturday, Feb. 10 against Wilkes University. The men's team kicked off the day's festivities with an 85-82 down-to-the-wire win in overtime. Later, the women's team followed up with a stellar performance in a convincing 79-61 win. These wins moved the men's team to 9-14 and the women's team to 17-6 with just a couple games left in regular season play.

The men's team took the court at 2 p.m. and second-year guard Austin Finarelli stole the show. He was effective early and often, dropping 28 points on 53 percent shooting. The guard also dished out four assists and hauled in seven rebounds. Fourth-years — center Dylan Rowe and guard Tyreke Herbert — were also incredibly efficient. The seniors both shot five of seven from the field, finishing with 12 and 10 points respectively.

This one was a back-and-forth affair. The teams traded buckets, never letting the other out of their sights. The biggest lead of the game was just six points, a lead that was quickly erased within minutes. The Blue Jays got a strong contribution from the bench in the first half and Finarelli was on fire from the jump. By the end of the first half of play, Wilkes knotted it up at 36.

The second half was much of the same. It looked like Etown was the better team about halfway through the half. Third-year guard Rance Russo, fourth-year forward Niko Georgelis and Finarelli combined to knock down four shots from behind the arch that helped give Etown the edge late. However, as the Jays clung onto a three point lead, Wilkes second-year forward Lucas Lesko, who'd been giving Etown problems all day with a 36 point effort, drilled a clutch three to send it to overtime.

Once the overtime period opened up, it was clear it was Etown's game. They built a three point advantage thanks to Russo, who scored five of the team's 10 points in overtime. Wilkes had another opportunity to send it to double overtime, but the Jays played suffocating defense on the final couple possessions to take home the win.

The women's team got their chance against Wilkes at 4 p.m. that day and didn't disappoint. It was a great all-around performance, holding Wilkes to under 40 percent shooting and shooting over 45 percent and hitting 40 percent of their threes. Three Blue Jays reached double figures. Third-years — guard Summer McNulty and center DaniRae Renno —led the team with 17 each and fourth-year forward Jessica King kept pace with 14. Both Renno and King recorded double-doubles on points and rebounds.

The first half was one that saw the Blue Jays build up a ten point lead. After a 12-0 run to end the first quarter, Etown kept a steady pace in the second quarter to go into the locker room firing on all cylinders. Renno and King got the ball rolling for the Blue Jays in the early going. Renno tallied 12 points while knocking down five of her seven attempts from the field and King hit 50 percent of her shots and went a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe.

The Blue Jays came into the second half with the same energy and scored the first seven points of the third quarter. Wilkes would go on a bit of a run near the end of the quarter, but Etown locked in defensively and stopped the bleeding. With a 12 point lead in the final quarter, it was smooth sailing from there on out for Etown. The Jays outscored Wilkes 19-13 in the final quarter, scoring

Photo courtesy of Cierra Kunkle, Elizabethtown College Athletics
Both teams took home a win, with the Etown Men's Basketball team going up to a win/loss ratio of 9-14 and the Etown Women's Basketball Team increasing to a 17-6.

Chiefs win back-to-back Super Bowls : Super Bowl LVIII

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It was quite a season for the two teams in this year's Super Bowl matchup at Las Vegas' Allegiant Stadium. Yes, they played well to reach the big game, but that hasn't always been the top news story. It's been hard to watch the news and not hear about Taylor Swift and the Kansas City Chiefs (14-6). Let's not forget the last pick of the draft, who just happens to be the San Francisco 49ers (14-5) quarterback, Brock Purdy. Viewers were ready for the final game of the season.

The first quarter opens with the Chiefs kicking to the 49ers. The 49ers got three flags for a total of 20 yards. On their first drive, Christian McCaffrey fumbled the ball but the Chiefs could not get to a first down. Patrick Mahomes, quarterback of the Chiefs, was sacked once during the quarter. The 49ers dominated in the first quarter with seven first downs while the Chiefs only got one.

Even though the first quarter went scoreless, it did not take long for 49ers' Jake Moody to kick the longest field goal in Super Bowl history at 55 yards at the opening of the second quarter. Chiefs running back Isiah Pacheco fumbled the ball in the red zone. The 49ers scored a touchdown on a trick play where wide receiver Jauan Jennings threw to McCaffrey. The Chiefs received four flags during this quarter, which prevented them from scoring a touchdown. Harrison Butker was able to kick a 28 yard field goal just before halftime. The 49ers were leading 10-3 at halftime.

On the first snap of the second half, the Chiefs running back Pacheco dropped the ball for a loss of twelve yards. .Mahomes then threw an interception to rookie safety out of Penn State Ji'Ayir Brown, on the same drive. With eight minutes to go, the first down of the quarter was reached with a catch by Travis Kelce. Butker then kicked a 57 yard field goal which broke the record set earlier. The 49ers on a punt lost the ball that was recovered by Watson of the Chiefs, which then turned into a touchdown by the Chiefs. The Chiefs were up 13-10 at the end of the third.

The 49ers responded with a receiving touchdown by Jennings to start the third. However, the extra point by Moody was blocked, which would prove costly. The Chiefs responded with Butker kicking a field goal to tie the game at 16 all. The game was tied up until the two-minute warning when Moody of the 49ers kicked a 53 yard field goal to take the lead. The Chiefs then responded by kicking a game-tying field goal with seconds left sending the game into overtime for only the second time in Super Bowl history.

In overtime, the 49ers won the coin toss and chose to receive the kick. They proceeded down the field and Moody kicked a field goal. The Chiefs, after a long drive, won Super Bowl LVIII with a receiving touchdown by wide receiver Mecole Hardman.

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The match between the Chiefs and 49ers went into overtime in the last few moments.

Working Out the Workout: Which type of exercise routine is best?

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A common question regarding exercising involves whether one should perform full-body workouts or routines focused on specific muscle groups. Search engines frequently feature blogs, articles and similar web pages arguing for either side, leaving one confused. Finding a definitive answer to this puzzle seems relatively critical for those who desire to exercise, as one could reasonably want to make the most of their exercise due to any number of circumstances. As such, this article intends to dissect the benefits and downsides of both types of routines to determine which type provides more benefits.

A reasonable place to begin research into this question comes from scientific research. Intriguingly enough, BioMed Central's Sports Science, Medicine and Rehabilitation Journal analyzed the differences in the side effects of both exercise styles and discovered no drastic difference between the types of routines. Participants undergoing a full-body workout twice a week showcased aptitudes on par with those who performed focused exercises four times a week. These results reveal how exercise routines act as different paths to the same destination and how both types of routines seem potentially indistinguishable from each other.

However, just because no statistical difference between these routines exists does not indicate a complete lack of differences. For example, a full body workout could take longer than focused exercises if one desires casual workouts instead of intense exercise. This may dissuade people from committing to these types of exercise routines if they lack the time to complete it, as seen in the BioMed Central study wherein a handful of participants dropped out from the experiment as they did not have the time to spare.

One may also want more focused workouts as they get older. The Harvard Medical School notes how exercises targeting one's leg and thigh muscles become tantamount to maintaining health since one utilizes these groups frequently when performing everyday tasks like "squatting and climbing stairs". While the Harvard Medical School specifically refers to people aged 30 years or older when commenting on the importance of leg muscles, this factoid showcases the crucial nature of workouts that focus on certain groups.

However, the most crucial aspect of this debate does not come from determining whether one type of exercise seems inherently worse than the other, but rather how one can utilize both types of routines to best suit their schedules and current potential. None of the realistic differences between either type of workout do not detract from the overall health benefits one can receive from exercise, which allows one to fine-tune exactly how they want to increase their health.

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One study indicated no statistically noticable difference between focused workouts and full-body workouts.

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Professor Rudy Runs for PA Legislature Position

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College is a major time for political awareness. People are exposed to other people they may not have been to in their hometown and are encouraged to think outside of the mindset that they had in high school. With that, any news surrounding politics is a hot button issue.

Recently, Bob Rudy officially went onto the ballot for the PA House of Representatives and specifically the 97th Legislative District, which is in Lancaster county. Rudy is running as the Democratic candidate against the incumbent. Rudy works at the college as an adjunct professor at the School of Graduate and Professional Studies in corporate communication and teaches multicultural communications, international communications, and interpersonal communications.

Rudy has also gotten many degrees surrounding effective communication throughout his lifetime, including an associate degree in police science from Harrisburg Area Community College, a bachelor's degree in communications from Penn State, and a master's in education specifically concentrated in training and development. Outside of Etown he taught at the Lancaster county Career and Technology Center and Millersville University.

Despite not growing up in the area, Rudy is heavily connected to it. Rudy has lived in Lancaster county since 2008. Even in his other career as a radio personality, like his position as the public service director of 96.1 SOX and the community affairs director at 98.5 WYCR, a sizable percentage of his audience resided in Lancaster county.

In terms of political history, Rudy has run for a couple of local elections including a school board seat in the early 2000s in York county, but he had to drop it due to a fear of the fair time measure, where the person running against him could ask to get equal time on the radio station. He also ran for a district magistrate position in his area and he tried to run for the house last election but got involved too late to get the necessary signatures to get on the ballot.

When asked why Rudy wants to run, his answer was simple.

"I want to make a difference in this world," he said.

In his radio career, he felt that he could use his status as a radio personality "to get the word out about nonprofit organizations." Rudy especially advocated for these nonprofits through being on the board of many of them.

Rudy wants to emphasize his effort to "protect those who are marginalized in society." Some of the causes he values include homelessness, animal abuse, elderly abuse and the mental health crisis. He has worked directly on these issues by serving on the Lancaster county Office of Ageing Advisory Council and being on the board of the York county SPCA.

If he were in office, he would try and enact laws that have more severe penalties for those who abuse animals, do what he could about gun violence on the state level, and do more

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Hot Sodas? Faulty Vending Machines Frustrate Campus

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Students in Steinman have received hot sodas from this vending machines.

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While the campus may be currently covered in snow and the temperature outdoors sit frigidly low, it seems some parts of campus remain unaffected. Specifically, one vending machine in Steinman Hall that is available to students seems to be continuously problematic. As students have reported on the popular "Jays App" the PepsiCo drink machine has routinely been delivering beverages that are warm or even hot to the touch.

One student recently made a frustrated post on Jays App: "Does anyone know who to go to about vending machine problems? I got this out of the one in Steinman and it's expired and oddly hot (supposed

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Tri-Beta Hosts Annual Blood Drive at Etown

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ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. - Elizabethtown College students came together on Feb. 7 to donate blood to help combat the blood shortage during the annual Tri-Beta blood drive.

Tri-Beta is a national honors society for biology students. The chapter at Elizabethtown College partners with the American Red Cross to host an annual blood drive. "Donating blood is important because there is a blood shortage and there are many medical procedures that cannot be done to help save lives if there is no blood," said Bella Gobel, president of Tri-Beta.

One of the biggest challenges when hosting a blood drive is encouraging people to donate blood. Some people may be nervous to donate or do not know where to donate.

"Larger incentives could encourage more people to donate as well as more advertisements," Gobel said.

The Red Cross is currently offering a $20 Amazon gift card for all individuals who donate blood in February.

According to the Red Cross website, there is an emergency blood shortage in the United States. The Red Cross is working constantly to find volunteers and encourage individuals to donate blood. The blood that is donated is given to hospitals to be used for medical emergencies and surgical procedures. With the current blood shortage, it can be hard for hospitals to properly treat their patients.

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The blood drive took place in the BSC.

Gillian Heyden, a student who participated in the blood drive, said she receives emails from the Red Cross about upcoming drives as a past donor. However, when it comes to individuals who have never donated, they do not receive emails and are unaware of upcoming drives. Heyden also said she believes more education for those who have never donated would be beneficial.

She feels as though the Red Cross is "educating those who have already been educated." She said more education would help resolve some of the fears people may have about donating.

Heyden was also one of a small number of students who donated Power Red. This donation allows an individual to donate two units of red blood cells during one donation, and

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Virtual reality and expansive ventures into how one sees the world have expanded greatly over the past decade, especially in terms of what the devices are capable of doing and their travel accessibility. People are more willing to use virtual reality even outside of a gaming context, where it was first popularized, and in their everyday lives. With that has come a push for companies outside of Meta to put out devices that can keep the excitement going. Meta has dominated the field thus far with the release of the Meta quest models, formerly known as Oculus.

Apple has been working on developing this aspect of technology since 2017 and the release of their product has been rumored for years. Following the product's announcement in June 2023, the Vision Pro came out on February 2nd.

An advantage to the Apple aspect of the system is the connection to other Apple devices. Users can access their messages, notes, and any other items they have on their iPhone or iPad and ideally be able to work on the device as they would on any other Apple product. To create similar conditions to using the web in any other format, they can work in multiple tabs and switch between them as they could otherwise. Except, they would not need to use a mouse, trackpad or click on a screen, but instead could control what they see through eyesight trackers, hand movement, and voice control

For those who have glasses and/or contacts, there is a ZEISS optical insert, which helps correct vision problems in the virtual space. It could also allow for longer usage time with less eye strain or having to wear contacts for those who typically do not.

Tim Cook, Apple CEO, believes that the Vision Pro is revolutionary. "[Vision Pro] introduces us to spatial computing. Built upon decades of Apple innovation, Vision Pro is years ahead and unlike anything created before — with a revolutionary new input system and thousands of groundbreaking innovations. It unlocks incredible experiences for our users and exciting new opportunities for our developers," Cook said.

However, compared to others in the virtual reality space, the Vision Pro comes at a much higher cost. The Vision Pro comes in at $3500 with 256 GB of storage, and with the extra optical insert and even more storage that price can go as high as $4000. The Meta Quest 3, produced by Meta after their purchase of Oculus and expansion into the 'Metaverse', is $500 with 128 GB.

Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta, weighed in on the headset in a review of his company's competition. "It seems like there are a lot of people who just assumed that Vision Pro would be higher quality because it's Apple and it costs $3,000 more, but honestly, I'm pretty surprised that Quest is so much better for the vast majority of things that people use these headsets for, [especially] with that price differential.

"Quest is the better product, period," Zuckerberg said. Anyone who is thinking of making a purchase in this domain would have to consider not only the financial impact of the decision they are making, but also the practicality and usefulness of the device they are choosing. Although companies are making greater strides into reality augmentation and virtual reality, change cannot truly happen without the support and trends of the consumers.

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Hot Sodas Dispensed from Vending Machines

to be cold). $3.25 down the drain…" These drinks are anything but cheap, and it is frustrating to be delivered a drink that is not what you thought you were paying for.

On that same subject, that very machine has also been producing expired products, leading to concern amongst the campus community. This, of course, has led students to not drink the products being served. Some students even go as far as avoiding the machine entirely and now seemingly avoiding and questioning other machines. One student expressed to me, "I will not be spending any more money on the vending machine, I'm beyond irate and disappointed," Camdyn Buohl, biochemistry '27 said. While this overall upsetness isn't without cause, it does lead one to ponder why this may be taking place.

While they may seem far from each other, the vending machines across campus are handled by the Dining Department. With that in mind, I was able to get in contact with the college's own Eric Turzai, the Director of Dining.

"The campus vending machines are maintained by Pepsi, and each unit should have contact information located on it in case of product or mechanical issues, so anyone can have concerns addressed immediately," Turazi said. Moreover, he was very quick to address the issue, commenting on a potential reason for the issues with the specific machine. "I also noticed the energy miser, which allows the machine to cycle on and off according to foot traffic flow thereby reducing energy consumption, was unplugged, possibly affecting the performance of the machine," Turazi said. Finally, he affirmed that he would soon be in contact with the college's PepsiCo representative so that any further issues could be rectified.

It seems that, as the year progresses onward, issues of this nature will hopefully become more and more rare. While an unfortunate speed bump has occurred, it is the hope of all that we may move forward into more pleasant weather and more optimally-cooled beverages.

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PepsiCo representatives can be reached with any concerns

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

As Pennsylvania's Gov. Josh Shapiro attempts to advocate for his budget in the coming months, a recent press conference put the spotlight on gun violence, and Shapiro's efforts to address the issue. Shapiro, a Democrat, is proposing $1 million to create an Office of Gun Violence Prevention. The office would create and coordinate strategies to reduce gun violence, and the funds used to create the office would come out of a proposed $100 million for public safety in Shapiro's budget.

The effort is backed by many of Shapiro's allies, including Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis who spoke at a press conference at the state capitol last week surrounded by gun safety advocates.

"Some people in this building, all they want to do is offer thoughts and prayers," Davis said. "Let's be clear — thoughts and prayers are not enough. We need real action in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania"

The proposed Office of Gun Violence prevention would be nested under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, chaired by Davis. It mimics the White House's Office of Gun Violence Prevention established in September 2023, and Davis said Pennsylvania is proud to be one of the first states to take action since then.

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"Now is the time to double down on our efforts and make sure that even more is being done and that we're even more effective," Davis said.

Volunteers with the Pennsylvania chapter of Moms Demand Action and CeaseFire PA, gun safety advocate groups, all surrounded Davis as he spoke. Members from the support group Clairton Moms, a coalition of mothers who have lost their children to violence, also attended the rally.

"We haven't done enough to address gun violence and there are hundreds more empty seats at family diner tables every year to prove it," Rep. Dan Frankel (D., Allegheny) said. "It is shameful that this is the leading cause of death for children."

Frankel, who attended and spoke at the conference, represents the district where the Tree of Life synagogue shooting happened. The shooting killed 11 people and injured six others. Frankel has continued to introduce and advocate for gun safety bills in the Pennsylvania legislature.

It's unclear if the office would pass through the Republican-controlled state senate. Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward spoke with several news outlets after the press conference, and expressed concern over simply creating an office.

As budget negotiations continue, gun violence is nearly certain to be at the forefront of lawmakers' minds.

Rudy Campaigns for PA House

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work with nonprofits on the state leve;.

As with any voting matter, anyone who is voting should think and research before they do so. Rudy wants college students to avoid black-and-white thinking. Rudy often found that people his age voted alongside their parents' party lines, yet today the same trends cannot be seen. Additionally, college students have been voting more than ever before.

To further this trend of informed and involved college voting, students should go out and vote, or register to vote if they have not already done so. The Pennsylvania primaries will be held on April 23rd, 2024, and the general election will be on November 5th, 2024. Voters can also specifically check out information on Rudy at bobrudy.com.

Courtesy of Bob Rudy

Bob Rudy with his dog at his home in Lancaster County.

Tri-Beta Hosts Annual Blood Drive

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it does take longer than a one-unit donation. During a Power Red donation, an individual's plasma and platelets are returned to them.

There are different requirements for donating Power Red than a one-unit donation. To participate in a Power Red donation you must have type O, A negative, or B negative blood. Individuals can also only donate three times a year if they choose to donate Power Red. Gillian said the requirements and the length of the donation may discourage people from donating Power Red.

For more information on how to donate and the requirements to donate, you can visit https://www.redcrossblood.org/

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Giving blood is an easy way to save a life.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Friday, February 16th, Alexei Navalny died in a Russian penal colony at the age of 47. Navalny was widely celebrated for his opposition movement against Russian President Vladimir Putin's authoritarian regime.

Navalny, the leader of the unregistered political party "Russia of the Future," had been held in the IK-3 penal colony in Kharp, a settlement within the Arctic Circle about 1200 miles from Moscow. This prison is reportedly nothing short of a nightmare. Prisoners were not only forced to withstand the brutal Siberian weather, but they also endured brutal torture from the guards. The prison, also known as "Polar Wolf," has been widely feared since its initial construction during the time of the Soviet Union.

Spokespeople from Polar Wolf claim that Navalny complained of feeling ill and collapsed suddenly during a daily walk around the prison. They claim that while the cause of his death is unknown, they believe that he likely died due to the dislodging of a blood clot.

Few people around the globe believe this claim of a natural death, however. Numerous world leaders, including U.S. President Joe Biden, have spoken out against Putin and accused him of Navalny's murder.

This was not the first time that Navalny was imprisoned. He was sentenced twice for embezzlement in 2013 and 2014. It is widely believed that these sentences were carried out because of his opposition to President Putin. Because of his criminal convictions, Navalny was barred from opposing Putin during the Russian presidential election of 2018.

In addition to his longer terms in prison, Navalny had been arrested multiple times for leading public protests against the Russian government.

In 2020, Navalny was poisoned with a neurotoxin, Novichok, that had been developed by Russian scientists. Navalny survived, but he suffered permanent impairments from the poisoning.

Russian agents admitted to following Navalny, but Putin and others denied trying to kill him with the poison. Putin reportedly stated that if they had wanted to kill Navalny, "they would've probably finished it."

Navalny's death led to an outpouring of support from people throughout the world, even in Russia itself. Approximately 400 of these demonstrators were arrested in cities across Russia for paying tribute to Navalny at monuments. These arrests have caused even more outrage and tension in an already strained Russia.

Even in death, Navalny's words continue to inspire Russian opposition. In an interview with CNN, Navalny once said, "If they decide to kill me, then it means we are incredibly strong, and we need to use that power and not give up. We don't realize how strong we actually are."

Business Buzz

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Coming from a major city, the frequent use of the "gig economy" was not foreign to me, having used DoorDash and Uber frequently for convenience's sake, but the term itself was one that I had never stopped to think about.

The term "gig" originated from the world of musicians, referring to individual performances or engagements, and has since been adopted to describe various forms of temporary or project-based work. Characterized by temporary or freelance jobs and often facilitated through digital platforms, this economic model has reshaped traditional notions of employment and labor. Understanding the genesis of the gig economy unveils a complex interplay of technological advancement, societal changes, and economic force.

The gig economy consists of various jobs and services offered on a freelance or temporary basis. Common examples include rideshare and delivery driving, freelance writing and editing, graphic design, web development, virtual assistance, consulting, tutoring, and online teaching. Workers in the gig economy typically operate independently, utilizing digital platforms to connect with clients and complete projects.

The gig economy has evolved from ancient forms of temporary labor to its modern manifestation. Key milestones include the Industrial Revolution introducing piecework, post-World War II expansion of temporary employment agencies, and the internet enabling online platforms. The 2010s saw the rapid expansion of the gig economy with the rise of platform-based companies like Uber, Airbnb, and TaskRabbit. These companies leveraged technology to connect individuals seeking services with independent contractors willing to provide them, disrupting traditional industries and reshaping the nature of work. However, controversies over worker rights and classification persist. As technology and attitudes towards work continue to evolve, the gig economy's future remains dynamic and subject to ongoing debate.

The gig economy has also sparked debates and controversies regarding worker rights, labor protections, and income inequality. Concerns have been raised about the classification of gig workers as independent contractors, denying them access to benefits and job security.

The history of the gig economy is a testament to the enduring human desire for flexibility, autonomy, and opportunity in the realm of work. From ancient day laborers to modern freelance professionals, the evolution of gig work reflects the ever-changing dynamics of labor markets and technological innovation. As we navigate the complexities of the gig economy in the 21st century, it is imperative to strike a balance between innovation and regulation, ensuring that the benefits of this model are shared equally among all participants.

Etown hosts film showing to celebrate the start of Ramadan

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THE MUDDY RIVER OF BAASIM
BLACK LIGHT

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The showing of the film "The Muddy River of Baasim " and the Iftar dinner will be a major collaboration between several organizations: CGUP, CCCE, Bowers Writers House, WACH and the Red Rose Community Organization.

Join the Elizabethtown community in a showing of the film, "The Muddy River of Baasim" at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 12, 2024, in the Elizabethtown College Esbenshade Gibble auditorium. This event is free and open to all members of the community! This event will be hosted by the Bowers Writers House, The Center for Global Understanding and Peace-Building (CGUP), The Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) and The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg (WACH).

The film encompasses the story of a young refugee trying to carve his path in a terror-filled world. Rafik, the main character of the film, must embark on a journey to find his brother and is met with resistance at every turn. While traveling the world as a refugee, Rafik will face violence and exploitation, and his eyes will be opened to the nature of the state of the world in which he lives.

After the showing of this just-over-an-hour film, Thomas Sideris—the creator of the film —will be present via Zoom for a live discussion of the film around 5:30pm. While the Zoom will be brief (about 20-25 minutes), it will offer the audience the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the film and learn more about the background behind the riveting story of Rafik.

Following the showing of "The Muddy River of Baasim" will be an Iftar dinner. Iftar is the meal that celebrates the beginning of Ramadan, the holy season of Islam. There is no charge to attend the dinner for any who wish to attend, but it will require registration. To register, simply email writershouse@etown.edu stating you will attend the Iftar dinner after the film showing. The dinner will take place in the Koons Activity Venue (KAV), on the first floor of the Baugher Student Center of Elizabethtown College.

The president of the Middle Eastern Culture Club, Anfal Al-Hussaini, expresses how this event will bring Middle Eastern and North African culture to the Etown.

"I am most excited about the Iftar Dinner because it brings everyone together," Al-Hussaini said. "It sparks conversation within us and, most importantly, memories. After a long day of fasting, we can eat the food we are so grateful to have."

The dinner will feature a brief video before the meal explaining the ceremonial and religious connotations perceived in fasting, Ramadan and Iftar. A member from the World Council of Harrisburg, a member from the Red Rose Community Organization, and Reverend Amy Shorner-Johnson will speak after the brief video to welcome everyone to the dinner. These speeches will be followed by a Muslim call to prayer. Dinner will begin promptly at sundown in accordance with Iftar tradition. About 150-180 members of the Islamic community from Harrisburg and Lancaster are expected to be in attendance, as well as Etown's Middle Eastern Culture Club, for this night filled with culture, belonging and delicious food.

Jesse Waters, the Etown Bowers Writers House director, explains how this night is a "wonderful opportunity for members of our community to have this experience and see what Iftar and Ramadan are all about."

The showing of the film "The Muddy River of Baasim " and the Iftar dinner will be a major collaboration between both on- and off- campus organizations. The CGUP, CCCE, Bowers Writers House, WACH and the Red Rose Community Organization will work together to host both the film ("The Muddy River of Baasim") and an Iftar dinner.

So come join the Etown community on Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 4:30pm in the Esbenshade Gibble auditorium for a film showing of "The Muddy River of Baasim" and do not forget to register (by emailing writershouse@etown.edu) for the Iftar dinner being held afterwards! This inspiring event encourages everyone to join in a night of culture, acceptance and learning.

Scan the QR code to visit the Bowers Writers House's website, and learn more about this event and others.

Vocalign holds annual combo show

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Vocalign, Elizabethtown College's all-gender inclusive a cappella group, hosted their annual combo show on Saturday February 17th, highlighting Melica, Etown's all-female identifying a cappella group, Phalanx, Etown's all-male identifying a cappella group, and three guest a cappella groups: Chromatic from Millersville University, Under a Rest from West Chester University and High Street Harmonix also from West Chester University. This is the second combo show following the gap during the pandemic.

"I enjoyed being able to support my school's talented a cappella groups," Sarah Carney, second-year social work major, said. "I loved Chromatic's performance and I always look forward to Vocalign's 'Somebody to Love.'" Carney also expressed interest in Melica's Girl's Night Out and the A&T Benefit three weeks prior.

"[The combo show] was such a great way to gather with fellow students from Etown as well as other schools," Kara Bidgood, a first-year early childhood education major said. "It was an enjoyable evening for all!" she said.

Saturday's show began and ended with Vocalign and featured songs like "Creep" by Radiohead performed by Chromatic, Alice Merton's "No Roots" performed by Under a Rest,and Etown favorites such as Phalanx's upbeat "Brown-Eyed Girl," Melica's crowd-pleaser "Wings" and Vocalign's favorably aforementioned "Somebody to Love." While Bidgood and Carney had positive feedback, even students not in attendance were aware of Vocalign's reputation for successful shows.

"Unfortunately, I [was] home for the weekend but I know Vocalign never disappoints!" second-year marketing major Chloe Cádiz López said.

A similar sentiment was expressed by second-year Spanish education major Marie Crugnale. "I had a lot of assignments this week [but] I wish I could've been there! I know a lot of people in the music groups on campus." Crugnale said she felt swayed to attend the next combo show.

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Vocalign, Elizabethtown College's all-gender inclusive a cappella group, hosted their annual combo show on Saturday in collaboration with several other a cappella groups.

Overwhelmingly positive feedback surrounded the event and groups performing, leaving the question: just how will Vocalign top this performance next year? To put it quite simply, we have no other choice but to wait and find out.

WELCOME BACK
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Slam poet Lady Brion visits Elizabethtown College

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Lady Brion was the 2016 National Poetry Slam Champion and has represented Baltimore, her home city, in other international competitions.

Lady Brion, a spoken word artist, recently visited Elizabethtown College to present a selection of slam poetry to students.

The event was held in the Jay Lounge, and nearly a dozen audience members watched as the lights went down and Lady Brion stepped up to the microphone.

"This was my first time going to any slam poetry event, so I sort of went in with no expectation of how the night was going to go," third-year Ryan Goodnowsaid. "I cried and laughed in that entire hour bit. It was incredible and a fun experience overall and I hope we have more events like it on campus."

Lady Brion was brought to Etown by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), which is unique because many readings are done through the Bowers Writers House. The Jay Lounge brought a different atmosphere, with only a podium and a microphone in the space with Lady Brion. The poet also encouraged audience participation, as opposed to silent readings typically done by long-form authors.

During her show, Lady Brion encouraged the crowd to participate in the poetry by snapping, clapping or making other noises to emphasize things they liked and disliked.

The first poem Lady Brion presented was "Sugar Cane Smile", a tribute to her mother. The poet gestured and emphasized each line of the poetry with her facial expressions. The poem was the first in a series of three about Lady Brion's family. The poet presented groups of three poems, then provided time for discussion about craft and life in general.

"I not only loved the poetry and listening to the performance aspect, but I also liked when Lady Brion described her writing process," fourth-year Mylea Neidig said. "I'd love to see Etown host more events like this one with different writers in different areas of craft."

Other sections of poetry included a group about injustice, which included a piece on gentrification in Lady Brion's home city, and a group of poems about relationships. In between performances, she told students about her performances at poetry slams and her work as an activist.

Lady Brion was the 2016 National Poetry Slam Champion and has represented Baltimore, her home city, in other international competitions. She published a book in 2018 with an accompanying album titled With My Head Unbowed. The album is on Spotify and Apple Music.

For more information about Lady Brion, visit her website, ladybrion.com.

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What should you watch on Netflix based on your zodiac sign?

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For this week's horoscopes, I was inspired by my Netflix watchlist. I add so many things to it that when I go to choose my next watch, it can get overwhelming. Maybe I am just indecisive, but if you have the same problem, this one is for you. Check out your sun, moon and rising so you have all your options. If you end up watching a movie, I can't wait to read your Letterboxd review! Don't forget to look up trigger warnings before you select your next watch!

Aries- The show for you, Aries, is "Grey's Anatomy." What could be more fun to watch than doctors battling over who gets the best surgery? Find out what happens as Meredith Grey navigates her way through Seattle Grace Hospital and see what trouble she gets herself into. It makes you wonder if real life hospitals have that much drama going on.

Taurus- Your movie is "Everything, Everywhere All At Once." This Oscar-winning movie was just added to Netflix, and if you haven't watched it yet, it's a great time to understand the hype. It explores complicated familial relationships and loving the people you hate the most. Make sure to have a box of tissues by your side.

Gemini- Your show is "Nailed It!," which is my personal favorite baking competition. Regular people with no baking skills must learn how to make cakes and desserts crafted by professional bakers. This show can only be described as chaotic, and you will relate to how the bakers must run around to complete the necessary tasks in a short amount of time.

Cancer- Your movie is "13 Going on 30." This is the quintessential 2000s romantic comedy. It's filled with nostalgia, humor and colorful candy. You'll want to savor your youth more after watching this movie. Also, this is me formally asking Mark Ruffalo to ditch Marvel and return to his rom-com roots.

Leo- Your movie is "No Hard Feelings," Jennifer Lawerence's latest comedy where her character dates a teenage boy in order to get a car from his parents. I went into this movie with extremely low expectations, and I ended up loving it. You'll laugh so hard at just how absurd this movie is.

Virgo- Your show is DC's "The Flash." Often, you will wish for Barry Allen's superspeed because it would make your busy life much more manageable. Allen is a scientist, so you'll enjoy his (usually) practical way of thinking. Once it merges with the rest of DC's Arrowverse, it'll keep you entertained for months to come.

Libra- Your show is "Lego: Ninjago." Don't shy away from it just because it's a cartoon. I think you'll enjoy its silly yet emotional plotlines that are wrapped up neatly in the span of an episode. Plus, it involves Legos, and who doesn't enjoy playing with them?

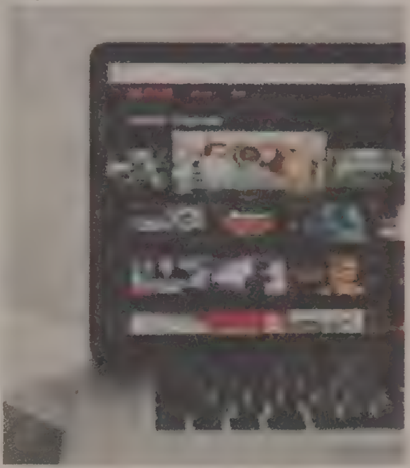
Scorpio- Your show is "Peaky Blinders." This British crime series follows Tommy Shelby as he attempts to take over the crime world in Birmingham, England after his return from World War I. The series is dark, but the little spots of light really makes you emotionally involved with the characters.

Sagittarius- Your show is "Black Mirror." This anthology explores different what-ifs, like what if a blue cartoon bear ran for president and won? Or, what if video game characters became sentient? "Black Mirror" is like several shows in one, so you'll never grow bored of its varying plotlines. If you really enjoy it, check out the interactive "Black Mirror: Bandersnatch."

Capricorn- Your show is "Community," a sitcom that follows various community college students as they work their way through ridiculous situations. You'll admire their willingness to improve themselves, even fraudulent lawyer Jeff Winger, and everyone loves Donald Glover's character, Troy Barnes.

Aquarius- Your movie is "Inside," a musical comedy special created by Bo Burnham. This revolutionary piece perfectly captures the feelings elicited because of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. You'll laugh and cry at Burnham's songs and realize that maybe you're not so alone even if you're far apart from the people you cared about.

Pisces- Your show is "Bojack Horseman." This adult animated series follows a washed-up sitcom star as he struggles to re-find his purpose in life. You wouldn't think a show that features a talking horse who wears pants would be so emotional and offer real insight into the human experience, but that's "Bojack Horseman."



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With so many titles, it can be overwhelming to choose what to watch.

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet Zelda, Holly, Cocoa and Adzuki, the four adorable cats that are a part of third-year Evan Kohlbus's family

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Third-year professional writing and Japanese major Evan Kohlbus has a full house of four adorable cats: Zelda, Holly, Cocoa and Adzuki.

Kohlbus and his family adopted Zelda, the oldest of the four at 14 years old, in 2010. She has mostly white fur with black spots and is completely blind since she's missing both eyes.

"While passing through a more rural section of Pennsylvania, my parents and I decided to stop off at a local farmer's market," Kohlbus said. At the market, there was one stand with injured animals that had been rescued, and they were being offered up for adoption. "While my parents originally had no plans to adopt any, Zelda jumped into my mother's arms, and she fell in love."

"We learned that her previous owners had severely mistreated her, leaving her with one eye which was deeply infected," Kohlbus said. "After we adopted her, we took her to the vet, and she had her infected eye removed, leaving her totally blind."

Lately, she spends much of her days sleeping.

"Zelda is old, tired and cranky," Kohlbus said. "But she always enjoys snuggles."

Even so, she has a surprising amount of agility, especially when annoyed.

Holly was adopted from a shelter two years later in 2012. She's currently 12 years old and has a similar black and white coloring to Zelda. Since joining the family, she's taken a liking to human food, including meat and donuts.

"Holly is incredibly scared of people," Kohlbus said, "but she can be really sweet if she thinks nobody is watching."

Cocoa and Adzuki are the most recent additions to the family, having been adopted in 2018. They're only about five years old and were taken in after they were found freezing outside on the campus of the community college Kohlbus lives near.

Cocoa is a primarily brown tortoiseshell cat, while Adzuki has more of an orange coat with patches of dark brown. The family voted on the matching names, giving Kohlbus the ability to nickname them "The Beans" though he still thinks Tigerlily was a more fitting name for Adzuki due to her fur coloring.

The two are siblings, and it shows in their rather social personalities. "Adzuki has a need to be the center of attention at all times," Kohlbus said. "Cocoa is very sweet and loves being around people at all times, even when you don't really want her to be."

Unfortunately, they also share a pension for mischief.

"One day, when the twins were still quite young, I had left the door to my room open for them to explore," Kohlbus recalled. "Then, I headed out for about an hour. By the time I had returned, my room was in absolute chaos. The curtains had been torn down, the trashcan had been knocked over and rooted through, and my phone charger and headphone cable had been completely chewed through." After that incident, Kohlbus decided it would be best not to let them into his room unmonitored.

Despite occasionally getting into trouble, the pair are still very sweet, although Adzuki does have a tendency to lightly bully her much more timid sister.

Photo courtesy of Evan Kohlbus

Pictured from left to right and top to bottom are Holly, Adzuki, Cocoa and Zelda, who each have their own unique personalities.

Job Spotlight

Learn about the Etownian's new Copy Editor, senior Mahli Rupp

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Meet the Etownian's newest Copy Editor, Mahli Rupp! Rupp is a fourth-year professional writing major with minors in creative writing and Japanese. Editor-In-Chief Chandler McGuire initially reached out to Rupp last semester about the open position to see if she would be interested in joining the Etownian family. She and McGuire sat down, hammered out the details and now she edits every single article that goes into the paper! She works alongside McGuire, and Managing Editor, DaniRae Renno.

"I hesitated initially because I had a lot of other commitments at the time, but I'm glad I took it," Rupp said.

As the Copy Editor, Rupp must go through every article and make edits based on grammar, punctuation and AP style. AP style, also known as The Associated Press Stylebook, is a grammatical style guide for journalists and is most commonly used in newspapers, magazines and other media outlets. It was originally created by American journalists working for or connected with the Associated Press journalism cooperative. Rupp is responsible for making sure all articles going into the weekly paper are consistent with this style and don't have any mistakes in the final product.

"[AP style] can be a bit tricky at first, but you can always check yourself with AP style books or online. Once you do it a couple of times it becomes more natural. The only thing I really hate is that it requires you to not use the Oxford comma. The Oxford comma is important," Rupp said.

Depending on when articles are submitted, Rupp works throughout the week. Most articles are submitted by Sunday, so she does a lot of editing on Mondays but will occasionally find herself editing on Wednesdays as well.

Sometimes this inconsistent schedule can be frustrating, as Rupp enjoys having a specific routine.

"It can be frustrating to think you've checked something off your to-do list and then realize you actually have to uncheck it, but I also understand that we're all college students and turning stuff in on time is hard. So I do get it and try not to be too upset about it!" Rupp said.

Despite this, Rupp still really enjoys her new position as the Copy Editor.

"It sounds boring to a lot of people, but I enjoy editing. It's something I'm considering going into after I graduate," Rupp said.

Rupp isn't exactly sure what she plans on doing after graduating in May, but she is interested in the editing and publishing industries.

"While I'm probably not doing journalism, the Etownian experience is helping me keep my editing skills sharp!" Rupp said.

To anyone thinking about joining the Etownian, our newest member encourages you to take the leap! Rupp may have been hesitant at first, but she believes it was worth it to try it out and do something to hone her skills.

"If you want to, definitely reach out about it! The team is cool, and it's a really good opportunity for writers and editors to work on their skills in news media," Rupp said.

In addition to her new position at the Etownian, Rupp also works at the Learning Zone as a Writing Tutor to help fellow students with essays and other writing assignments and as a Student Coordinator at the front desk.

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Rupp enjoys the opportunity to hone her professional writing and editing skills with the Etownian.

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Mar. 14: OSA BINGO

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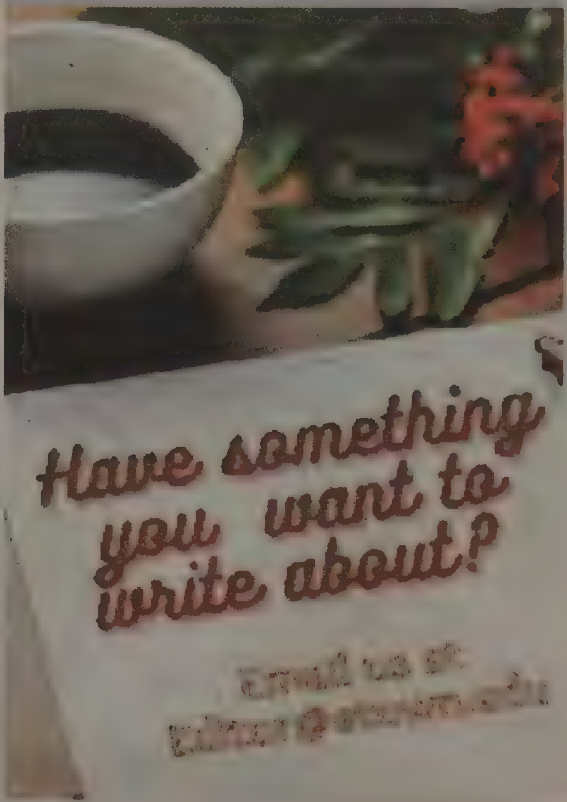

Business Review

Take a trip to visit the Fill'Er Up, a peculiar gas station and restaurant located just across the Maryland border

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If there's one thing you should know about me, it's that I love spontaneous trips. It comes from my parents, who once took my family on a spontaneous road trip five hours north to Niagara Falls. We arrived at 11 p.m., visited for about two hours, and then drove home. So, last weekend, I got in my car with the intention to go to the Hershey Antique Auto Museum in Hershey, Pa., a 20 minute drive from campus. Then, I opened Google Maps and saw my bookmark for "The Fill'Er Up," a gas station that doubles as a restaurant.

The next thing I knew, I was driving 50 minutes to Maryland.

Let's rewind back to why I had The Fill'Er Up bookmarked. When I am procrastinating assignments or can't fall asleep at night, what I like to do is zoom in on random towns near Elizabethtown just to see what I can find. I love how small our campus is, but sometimes, I want to get out of here and see what I can find. During one of these digital explorations, I found The Fill'Er Up.

For those who venture to York, Pa., this drive won't be daunting to you. The gas station may be in Maryland, but it's only right across the border and about twenty minutes from York.

After blasting my music for nearly an hour, and almost losing my voice in the process, I arrived at The Fill'Er Up. Immediately, I loved the vibe of it. With vintage signs and a small parking lot, I immediately knew that I was going to love this place.

The first thing I did was order the famous crab soup, at least according to a review I read on Google. I also ordered an Iced Creme Brulee coffee. Now, I am a coffee snob. My caffeine addiction is off the charts, so I had low expectations for this gas station coffee.

I cannot express how much I loved this coffee. My Iced Blonde Vanilla Latte or Iced White Chocolate Mocha could not compare. I dream about this heavenly drink.

The crab soup was also absolutely delightful. Again, I was hesitant about ordering seafood from a literal gas station, but I really enjoyed it.

The Fill'Er Up had two designated sections for people to sit and enjoy their food. I chose the backroom away from the kitchen, and I liked how private it was. I really felt like I was in a true restaurant with the black and white checkered tablecloth and red plastic ketchup bottle.

In the convenience store section, they had a selection of glass bottle sodas. I grabbed a ginger ale, and it was the best ginger ale I had ever had. Canada Dry was put to shame, and obviously Schwepp's couldn't compare.

50 minutes may seem like a long drive, but I would 100% go back. I am a Sheetz girlie for life (I will die defending Sheetz!), but The Fill'Er Up has earned its spot as my second favorite gas station.

Photo courtesy of The Fill'Er Up

While on a road trip, the Fill'Er Up is the perfect place to fuel both your car and yourself with their famous soup and beverages.

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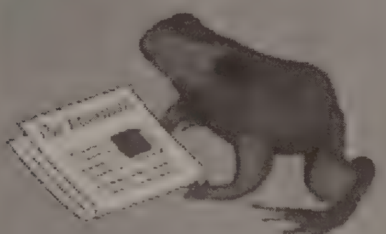

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Information taken from a 2017 student report on John A. Hamme by Shannon Clarke.

Recipe Review

Try this microwave two-ingredient fudge for a sweet treat

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Sometimes, a sweet midnight snack is all you need to fuel your late-night study sessions. So here's an easy recipe for fudge that you can make right in your dorm, with only two ingredients!

All you need is a 12-ounce bag of chocolate chips and a can of sweetened condensed milk. You can use any brand or type of chocolate you prefer — if you're craving something sweet, milk or white chocolate is a safe bet. Use semi-sweet or dark chocolate morsels for something with a bit more of that cocoa taste. I also recommend adding some walnuts, almonds or another topping of your choosing to add some additional flavor and texture. You'll also want to find a microwave-safe bowl, a spoon and a container in which to store the fudge.

First, pour the chocolate chips into the bowl. Pour about half the can of sweetened condensed milk over them, and place the bowl in the microwave. Set the microwave to high and let the chocolate melt for one minute.

Once the minute is up, thoroughly stir the chocolate and sweetened condensed milk together. Place the bowl back into the microwave for another minute, then thoroughly stir the mixture again. It should begin sticking to itself and pulling away from the edges of the bowl.

If your microwave has a lower wattage, two minutes may not be enough. If there are still unmelted chunks of chocolate, microwave for another 30 seconds and stir again. Repeat this until all of the chocolate appears to be melted.

If you want to use any toppings, add them to the bowl and mix them in. Transfer the contents of the bowl to a separate container or pan. I recommend lining the container with foil or parchment paper to ensure it doesn't stick, but it's not completely necessary to do so.

Chill the fudge in the fridge for about an hour. Once the fudge seems to be fully solidified, cut it into pieces and enjoy!

While trying this recipe out for myself, I decided to use semi-sweet chocolate chips, and I added some almond pieces as a topping. It turned out pretty chocolatey, so I think adding more almonds for nearly every bite to have a piece would have made it even better. The salt from the nuts also helped to add some flavor variation.

Make sure to also use a decent amount of force when stirring the chocolate and sweetened condensed milk together. This will help the chocolate to melt evenly and give it the proper fudge texture. Likewise, letting the fudge chill for longer will give the fudge a thicker, richer texture.

For such a simple recipe, it makes a lot of fudge, so feel free to use less of the ingredients or share with your friends!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

Make your own fudge to fuel your late-night study sessions from the comfort of your dorm with this simple recipe.

Debate of the Week

Which is better, chunky or smooth peanut butter?

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A peanut butter sandwich is a mainstay lunch item for many families, but the actual peanut butter varies across households. Some prefer chunky peanut butter, while some prefer smooth peanut butter. This debate is something that has and always will persist, so I decided to go around campus and ask what people would choose.

First, I asked some people in one of the dance groups I am a part of: E-Motion. Second-year computational physics major Kaitlynn Yorgey was the first to respond.

"Smooth all the way," Yorgey said.

Another student, fourth-year music therapy major Zakiyah Grayson agreed, "Smooth peanut butter for sure."

Second-year digital media production major Hannah Garinger explicitly said, "Thinking about chunky peanut butter makes me physically ill."

Essentially, all who were in the dance unanimously agreed that smooth peanut butter was the best choice.

Next, I went to my classes and randomly asked students which they preferred. The answers I got were all smooth peanut butter as well. Third-year psychology major Abigail Marks kept it simple with, "Smooth peanut butter." Second-year health profession major William Veith said, "Peanut butter can be so overwhelming having to bite into chunks."

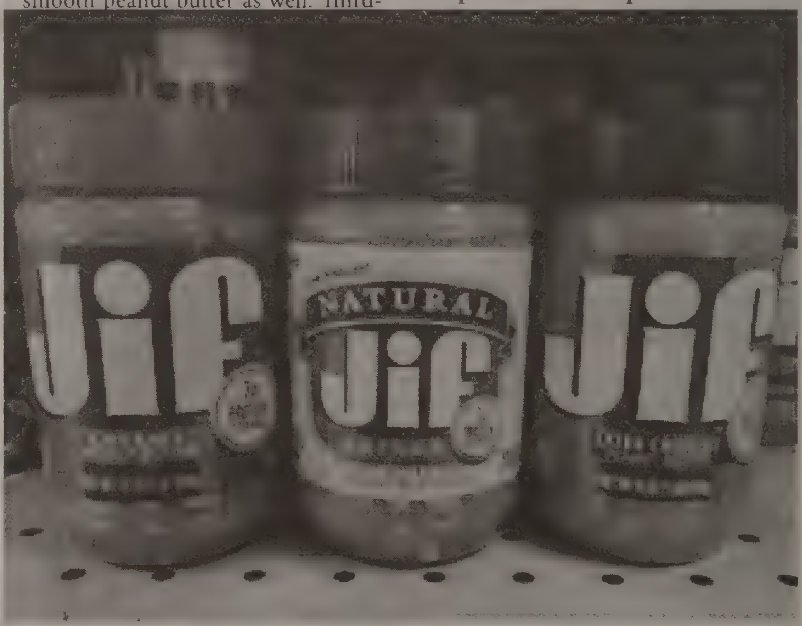
Lastly, I decided my closest friends would be a good group to ask for their opinions on this debate. The first person to respond was third-year professional writing major and Assistant Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer. "I think, if you're gonna let there be chunks in the peanut butter, you might as well just eat peanuts," Meyer said.

Fourth-year computer science major Matt Sutton agreed, saying, "I don't mind, like, preserves which are kinda like chunky jelly if you think about it."

Third-year Japanese and political science major Lux Hileman echoed what was said, "Smooth, cause if you want chunky just eat a [expletive] peanut."

Fourth-year professional writing major and Campus Life Editor Charlie Carberry did disagree with the majority, saying, "Chunky all the way! I love the crunch."

As for my opinion, I am going to be the contrarian and say chunky peanut butter is my preferred choice. I grew up with a father who would make my sandwiches and peanut butter toast with chunky peanut butter, so it has a familial meaning for me. However, I do still like smooth peanut butter and do eat it when it is available. Hopefully, this debate gets you thinking about your own personal favorite preference!



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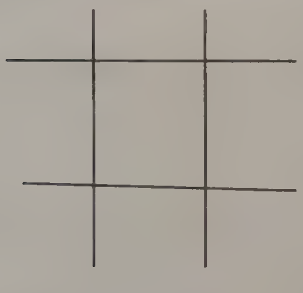
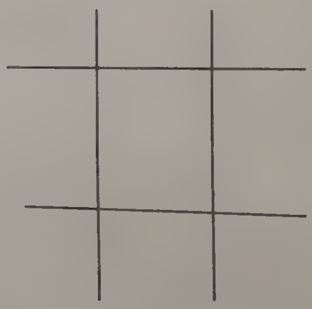
There are plenty of brands and textures of peanut butter to choose from. Which is your favorite?





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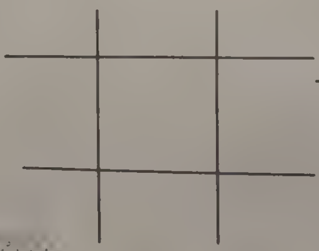

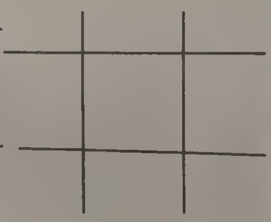

Swim teams cap off strong seasons in Landmark Championships

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Photo Courtesy of Cierra Kunkle, Etown Athletics

Elizabethtown College's swim teams ended the season with winning records and a respectable performance at the Landmark Championship.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Elizabethtown College men's and women's swim teams took to the Landmark Conference Swimming and Diving Championship. The men's team finished fourth out of ten teams with 342 points and the women's team finished fifth out of ten with 373 points. This season, the men went 7-6 overall and 4-2 in conference. The women went 11-3 overall and 4-2 in conference as well. The men's team started the season out strong, going on a four-meet winning streak, before entering a slump. However, they finished the season with a couple of wins and then a solid performance at the Landmark Championship. The women's team started with a five-meet winning streak and ended on a four-meet winning streak, as well as their strong performance at the Championship.

To start the meet, second-year Leif Hoffman placed seventh in the 1650 free with a time of 16:52.07, third-year Joshua McQueen placed 14th with a time of 17:39.56, and third-year Robert Midura finished 15th. Fourth-year Dylan Fitzgerald and third-year Franky Swain placed 10th and 11th respectively in the 200 back, followed by third-year Liam Quick in sixteenth at 2:17.21. In the 100 free, third-year AJ West placed 12th at 48.92, followed by third-year Andrew Hoch in 16th at 49.73.

Moving to the 200 breaststroke, fourth-year Alex Waskiewicz placed eight, first-year Hunter Kuffa placed 12th, and second-year Garren McKenzie placed 14th. Hoffman finished fourth in the 200 fly, swimming a 1:58.32. McQueen followed in ninth at 2:05.37. Third-year Jack Venza placed 12th at 2:13.18 and third-year Griffen MacLaren finished in 14th at 2:17.32. Our 400 free relay team, composed of Fitzgerald, second-year Austin Smith, Hoch and Waskiewicz finished fifth.

Now looking at the women's side of the meet, fourth-year Sarah Marston shined in the finals with a first-place finish in the 100 free at 53.15. Second-year Hailey Poulos opened the meet, placing eighth in the 1650 free at 18:47.60, followed by first-year Katie Midura in 12th at 19:36.78. Moving to the 200 back, second-year Kaylee Blair finished fourth at 2:11.60 and fourth-year Maddey Brelsford finished 13th at 2:15.31.

In the 100 free, third-year Olivia Hillman placed 10th at 55.97, followed by first-year Megan Benson at 57.12. Third-year Gracie Harding and second-year Emma Sabalaske finished back-to-back in the 200 breaststroke, placing 11th and 12th respectively, followed by fourth-year Maggie Meyers in 16th. The women's 400 free relay of Harding, Hillman, Blair and Marston grabbed fourth at 3:38.82.

As a whole, it was a successful season for the Jays, with both the men's and women's sides finishing with winning records and putting up good results at the Landmark Championship. We wish them the best of luck in the off-season as they prepare to get back at it again next season.

Multiple Blue Jays set school records at SU Tune-Up

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's track and field teams traveled to Selinsgrove, Pa. on Saturday, Feb. 17 for the SU Tune-Up hosted by Susquehanna University at 9:30 a.m. There, the Blue Jays would perform at a high level, with multiple athletes setting new school records. The event was not scored, but Etown showed out as they prepared for the Landmark Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships the next week.

Photo Courtesy of Connor Hollinger, Etown Athletics

Multiple personal recors including one from Mylea Neidig (pictured above) helped Etown track and field end the regular season on a high note.

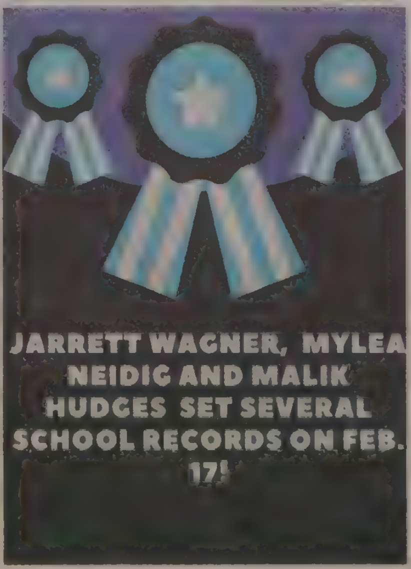
For the women's team, two Blue Jays highlighted a strong day. Fourth-years — sprinter Jarrett Wagner and thrower Mylea Neidig — took the top spots in their events. They'd come home first in record-breaking fashion. Wagner ran a blazing time of 7.99 seconds in the 60 meter event to earn the first win of the day for the women's team. Neidig soon followed with a record of her own. She'd blow out the competition with an outstanding throw of 12.74 meters in the shot put event.

Third-year Malik Hudges, was the top competitor for the Blue Jays, taking first in the competition's high jump event. Hudges out-performed his competition, being the lone jumper to clear 1.92 meters. Then, for the school record the third-year cleared the 1.95 meter bar to make Blue Jay history.

Many other members of the teams had impressed by the day's end. The women's team saw first-year Kate Bendall set two personal records and she had an overall great day. Bendall took part in the 60 meter hurdles and placed third in the final with a time of 9.55 seconds. She then took part in the triple jump and long jump. In the triple jump, the first-year set another new record for herself with a 10.65 meter jump and then capped off her day with a solid showing in the long jump at 4.82 meters.

Etown was also consistently top three in a number of events. Second-year sprinter Caleigh Bold notched a third place finish in the 200 meter sprint. For the men's team, first-year Benjamin Ortiz crossed the line in his 3,000 meter run in nine minutes and 39 seconds, for another third place finish for the Blue Jays. The men's team also took two of the top three spots in the 400 meter event. First-years Logan Freyermuth and Trevor Albright held it down for the Jays with second and third place finishes of 52.18 and 52.34 seconds respectively.

Saturday's events marked the end of the regular season for the indoor track and field teams.


JARRETT WAGNER, MYLEA NEIDIG AND MALIK HUDGES SET SEVERAL SCHOOL RECORDS ON FEB. 17!

Caitlin Clark breaks Kelsey Plum scoring

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After much anticipation, Iowa's superstar guard Caitlin Clark broke former Washington Huskies guard Kelsey Plum's NCAA scoring record on Thursday, Feb. 15 against the Michigan Wolverines. Coming in just eight points shy of the record, the senior broke the mark in the only way she knew how, dropping a career-high 49 points in a 106-89 win, setting an Iowa women's record along the way. She also made the Wolverines defense pay in more ways than one, dishing out 13 assists.

When you bring up college basketball, you'll probably hear Clark's name brought up more than any men's or women's college star in the country. She is the face of college basketball and rightfully so. The 22-year-old has been on another planet this year, leading the country with 32.1 points and 8.3 assists per game. Shooting 47 percent from the field and 39 percent from three-point land, it's clear that the Iowa guard has never met a shot she didn't like and that rang true on Thursday night.

Not even three minutes into the game, Clark was right there, in need of just three points to set the record. After a recovered loose ball, she received a pass, dribbled past the half court line, stopped and popped from the logo. History. The nylon barely moved. That three-ball gave her the record and the crowd erupted. She quickly flexed for the fans, but as she always has, she remained cool, calm and collected, as she'd just cemented her name into history.

She also set another record with just over a minute to go in regulation. Fading to her left and defensive pressure in her face, Clark pulled up from downtown for another highlight reel trey that gave her 49 on the night, a career-high and an Iowa women's college basketball single game scoring record. It was the cherry on top to a perfect performance.

Once things were all wrapped up, Clark's statline read an incredible 49 points, 13 assists and 5 rebounds. Her efficiency was also off the charts, going 16 of 31 from the field and hitting nine of her 18 attempts from three.

It was her night. Following the buzzer, she was swarmed by her teammates and newspapers with her name highlighting her accomplishment were passed around. Following a brief interview, a tribute video congratulating Clark was played on the jumbotron. Everyone from loved ones, teammates, and former teammates to coaches congratulated the young phenom. It was truly a special moment.

This was not only a great moment for Clark, but for college basketball as a whole. Sometimes the regular season doesn't get the attention it deserves and fans don't really start watching until March Madness. With Clark being on the tear that she's on and putting up jaw-dropping numbers every game, fans will have something to look forward to almost every night.

With just a few games to go in the regular season, Clark is within striking range of Pete Maravich's all-time college basketball scoring record of 3,667 points. She has a great opportunity to break it. Fans will eagerly wait to see if she has another accolade to add to her historic collegiate career.

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Clark's excellent performance against the Washington Huskies' Kelsey Plum has cemented the Iowa college basketball player as one of the best players currently playing.

Video Game Review: Wizard With a Gun

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If one's looking for a fresh take on survival sims or rogue-like gameplay, "Wizard With A Gun" offers a unique combination of these gameplay styles, with a charming presentation and a grim yet captivating storyline. While the Bastion-Like Top-Down, gun-based gameplay that revolves around constantly rewinding time before the end of the world can become monotonous quickly, the game's progression systems and skill-based gameplay help alleviate the repetitiveness enough to make "Wizard With A Gun" an an overall great experience.

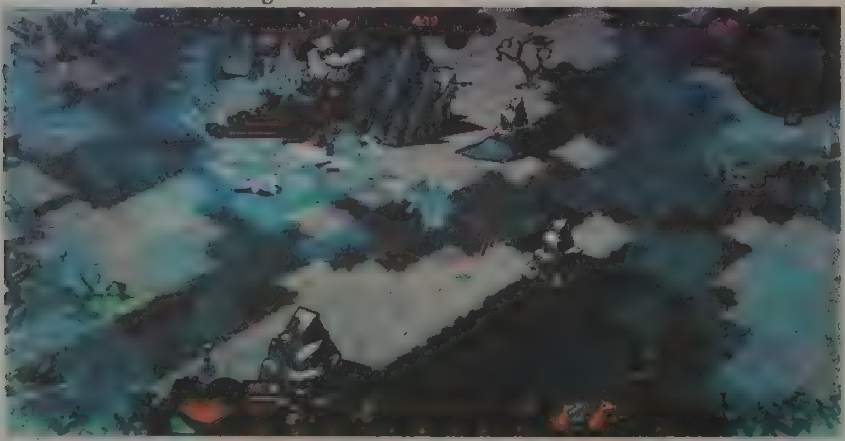
The graphics and presentation feel like a fresh combination of different styles. Wizards — both player and NPC alike —feel like fun western-inspired takes on the classic design of Final Fantasy's black mages, and the rest of the environment works perfectly with this stylistic choice. Everything in the game feels like it belongs in the world that the game presents to the player, crafting an experience that works with the game's interesting yet dark lore and begs the player to continue playing in order to find out what lies at the end of the story.

"Wizard With A Gun" comes at typical survival-sim design from a fresh angle by weaving unique mechanics into the core of its gameplay. The game revolves around constantly rewinding the world before it crumbles apart due to Chaos, as the player needs to hastily gather materials to craft new items and upgrade their weapons. Like a classic N64 collect-a-thon, one can unlock more places to explore during the world's short lifetime when they obtain enough of the game's primary collectibles by defeating strong foes with upgraded equipment. These mechanics provide the player with constant goals to achieve as one constantly works towards receiving new things.

The game's scanning mechanic also adds to the sense of constant achievement the collectibles and upgrades provide. Every time the player records an item with their encyclopedia, they gain access to recipes for new perks and items, encouraging them to scan every enemy and object they come across. The long and easily interruptible process of analyzing foes and objects turns scanning into a tumultuous yet enjoyable feat, providing the player with extrinsic and intrinsic rewards as successfully recording fierce foes feels like an accomplishment every time.

However, the game can rapidly feel repetitive due to its core mechanic of constantly rewinding time. Even though the layout of the world changes after every reset, and one can extend the short time limit imposed onto them by killing certain enemies, a player can only make so much progress before the world resets. Progress tends to feel like a reward out of reach, especially when the game frequently features enemies with defenses too high for their weapons to pierce. These foes accentuate the feeling of repetitiveness by further locking gameplay progression into the established loop of "get upgrades, get gears, fight enemies, repeat".

The upgrade system thankfully alleviates the monotonous gameplay loop by requiring players to skillfully defeat foes and allowing them to make constant progression in multiple branches. Even if one invests their materials into upgrading one type of ammunition throughout the game's first locale, they can effortlessly begin unlocking and boosting new types of ammo by using stronger resources to craft new types of bullets that are on par with the player's current weaponry. One does not need to unlock Fire Bullets I through V before unlocking Fire Bullets VI, for example. Additionally, foes with the gears needed for progression usually stand among a swarm of smaller enemies, meaning players need more than firepower to get past encounters. These elements help keep things engaging and exciting despite the potential monotony of the gameplay loop.



Gameplay Screenshot courtesy of Neil Divins

Wizard With a Gun provides a fresh take on both survival simulations and rogue-like gameplay.

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ResLife Reveals Housing Selection Process

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As the spring semester reaches a halfway point, it seems that there is a very real concern among students looking toward the future of their residence halls and housing selection situations.

Over the past week, the Office of Residence Life has held various sessions with a core focus on the future of housing selection in relation to the housing form coming to students, Led by Nichole Gonzalez, director of Title IX/Compliance Programs and Intercultural Affairs, these sessions informed students about the new opportunities within the application process.

While it seems there are lots of questions about the process, in the session I attended one rose above all else: How will the office choose who gets first pick?

The big question is how the Office of Residence Life plans to prioritize student applications. As compared to what the office has done in the past, they now are using a lottery-based system. This lottery-based system will assign random number values to each student that will work to determine their order in a residence hall or ILU selection.

Depending on the student's year, their lottery number may be higher or lower as well. Only members of the fall 2021 and 2022 cohorts can apply for the ILU opportunities. With that being said, the roommate group will be assigned based on the average of a group's lottery numbers. While this may be optimal for some, especially groups of all fourth-years, the issue may arise when members of differing classes decide to room together.

Since the lottery number assigned to the group is the average of all members, if a group consisting of fourth-years and third-years decides to form a group, their overall average lottery number may result in less optimal selection. While this method has stirred concern from residential students alike, it seems that they are creating more opportunities for students.

"I feel that good housing this upcoming year might be hard to achieve, with these changes to the lottery system," first-year occupational therapy major Lola Schaeffer said.

Some students remain neutral.

"A bold decision by the school for sure, but mostly indifferent," first-year biochemistry major Camdyn Buohl said.

As of this academic year, the Office of Residence Life is creating more spaces for ILU opportunities, raising

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Sock & Buskin Announces Benefit in Jo Russo's Honor

In memory
Of Jo Russo

Courtesy of Delaney Pekham

The rock placed outside Tempest Theater is a memorializing effort for student Joe Russo.

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Joseph 'Jo' Russo was beloved by many on campus, and touched the hearts of students and staff alike during his time at Elizabethtown College. In his passing, communities and people were brought together.

His memorial service at the College illuminated his impact, as individual after individual came up and told their stories and experiences with Jo. Throughout the stories, it was emphasized more than ever that Jo was a welcoming and humorous person that lit up every room he was in with a finger wave and a smile. Even those who did not know him were touched by the ceremony and the loss of a life on campus.

Many members of the theater group

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Criminal Justice Expands at Etown

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In 2018, Elizabethtown College did not have a criminal justice major to offer on its own. Now, there are over 35 students at Etown majoring in criminal justice. One of the main reasons for that is Kadee Crandall, who received her doctorate in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University.

Crandall, the director of criminal justice at Etown since 2023, has created a vast potential for the once miniscule major. During this school year alone, she has worked on a criminal justice minor to be offered, as well as new classes to offer such as Introduction to Law and Victimology.

"There have been more experiential learning opportunities this year not only on campus, but also off campus as well," Crandall said.

One of the growths of the criminal justice program at Etown is the creation of a criminal justice club, open to criminal justice and non-criminal justice majors alike.

The club's president, Olivia Sullivan, expressed her gratitude for the creation of the club.

"I am going to work hard for the rest of my time here at Etown to grow opportunities for our criminal justice students," Sullivan said.

The club is currently planning a trip in April to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Museum in Washington, D.C.

While the criminal justice minor has not been officially approved, Crandall said she "feels confident that the committee will approve it."

The minor would allow students like Isabell Anderson to follow both of her career goal paths without the stress of two majors. Anderson, a second-year at Etown, is currently majoring in chemistry. However, she had to drop the criminal justice dual-major at the beginning of this academic year.

"I dropped the criminal justice major because I'm not interested in having any of the careers that a criminal justice degree would get me," Anderson said. "For me specifically, I want to work in the lab, and I need a science degree to do that. But, I want to do forensics, so having the criminal justice minor would allow me to learn the criminal justice side of

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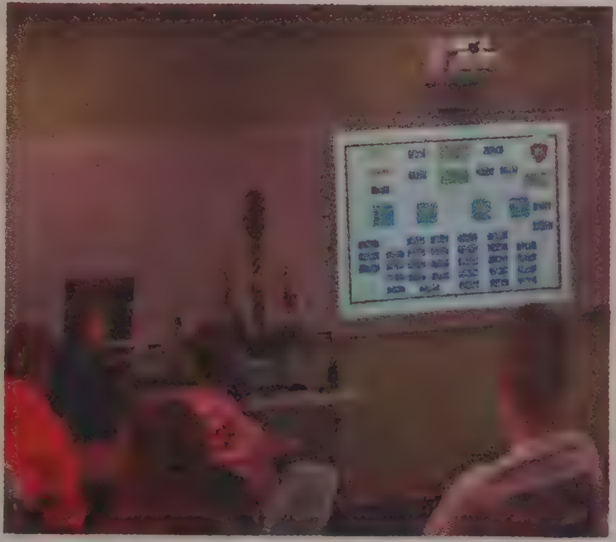

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Harrisburg Bureau of Police visits criminal justice class.

TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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If there ever was a hot topic of this generation—and there have been many—then the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) is king among them. After years of movies and novels prophesying doom to come off the backs of the creation of machines that can think for themselves, the public is conditioned to be skeptical of the incorporation of AI. One especially hot topic of its use concerns the classroom and the steadily growing interest in teachers and administration applying it to a teacher's curriculum.

In response to the rising integration of AI writing in the workplace, schools are incorporating the usage of text-generating software and other AI tools into their curriculum. Since the launch of ChatGPT in November 2022, many institutions around America have incorporated AI in some form or fashion, whether it's the integration of chat assistants in campus websites to help prospective students and parents navigate the site, or even teaching them how to use it as part of a class.

According to a survey by ATC Inc. for inbound college students, over 46 percent of surveyed high school students are already using generative AI platforms during their studies due to its ability to better condense information in a format that students could better understand. Not only that, but it makes formatting drafts a cinch for students to do if given the correct prompts.

Here at Elizabethtown College, opinions are as equally divided on the topic as they are out in the rest of the world. While the fledgling integration of AI is a direct response to the greater awareness of its use among the student body, some students are concerned about it posing a serious threat to their job security and that it is only encouraging greater reliance on it.

Discourse about the use of AI in the classroom does not extend to just faculty, however. Students are also concerned about the potential harm it could have on their individual creative processes.

"It was well-demonstrated to us that AI prompt usage is a whole thing to learn and I personally did not know how to prompt it, nor did I want to rely on it," fourth-year Judas Foster said when asked about the potential uses of it in a classroom setting. "Instead of fighting an algorithm to be creative for me, I'd rather spend that time I'd waste on being creative with my own ability. It's attempting to optimize creativity, which shouldn't even be possible."

However, experts say that preparing students for the eventuality where AI is the standard in the workforce is imperative for their futures. The need for better AI literacy among students is something that teachers recognize. According to a nationally represented EdWeek Research Center survey last November, most teachers have still not implemented AI in their classes. Although, their responses report a desire to do so once they become proficient in the technology to better train students in how to use it.

Regardless, opinions on AI continue to be divided, and they will continue to be for the foreseeable future. Even as progress marches on and artificial intelligence becomes more advanced, there will still be those worried about its use and the harm that could come from it.

Though really, wouldn't that be a positive thing?

If programmers are taking those concerns to heart—for the sake of their employment if nothing else—then there's always going to be firewalls in place to keep the worst-case scenario from becoming the scenario.

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Jo Russo Benefit Planned for March 24th

on campus, Sock & Buskin', spoke throughout the night of the service about Jo's contributions to the theater in The Language Archive and the One Acts festival, as well as in their personal lives. For those involved in these productions and theater in general, theater is a community and a family. Losing Jo felt like losing a member of that family who had barely gotten the opportunity to showcase their talent at the College, only having less than one year here.

Beyond speaking at the service, the club held a meeting the week after the service to discuss how to best honor Jo's memory going forward as a club. Alongside the plan to put a tribute in the mainstage play of this semester, Melancholy Play, the ideas of both a scholarship and a benefit concert were brought forward. Since the club liked both of those ideas, they decided to combine them to celebrate and honor his life.

"The goal of the benefit is to raise money to start a 'Jo Russo Memorial Scholarship.' As a club [Sock & Buskin], we felt this was the most appropriate way to honor Jo and keep his memory alive on campus. We also wanted to give the club and the campus community a space to honor and celebrate Jo's life, since most of us could not attend the funeral over spring break," Julia Yudichak, a third-year early childhood and special education major and member of Sock & Buskin said.

The exact details of the scholarship are unknown at this time, as Sock & Buskin are in the early stages of putting it together by raising funds, but it aims to help students who are like Jo in spirit grow and flourish during their time at Etown.

After setting up a date and location for the benefit, Sock & Buskin then sent out a call for all individuals who wanted to perform. In a display of community and rallying around the memory of Jo, 26 people will be performing 28 acts with a mix of theater and pop songs. While these performers may have had different connections with Jo and different backgrounds in theater and performing, they have all decided to perform to raise money for this cause.

"This is going to be my first time performing in a benefit, but I believe it's a good time to start. I'd been planning on signing up to perform for a while, and I feel like Jo would've pushed me to perform. He always did try to push me out of my comfort zone, and whether I liked it or not, it worked," first-year business administration major and member of Sock & Buskin Cam Mooney said. "I feel like, for me personally, the best way to honor Jo is to do something that honestly terrifies me."

The benefit concert will be held on March 24th, at 6:30 pm in the Koon's Activity Venue (KAV). Tickets will be $5, and all the proceeds from the event will go towards funding the scholarship. Performers and audience members alike are encouraged red to honor Jo, as it was his favorite color

For those who want to donate to the memorial scholarship, but are unable to attend or wish to donate past the concert date, please contact Julia Yudichak at yudichakj@etown.edu for more information.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

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The presidential election season is officially underway, and the fight for control of Congress is on the line in November. The House of Representatives is divided into districts based on the state's population. Pennsylvania currently has 17 Congressional Districts, with nine represented by Democrats and eight represented by Republicans. House members serve a two-year term and all 17 seats are up for election this year. Pennsylvania is once again a pivotal battleground state and one of the most hotly contested House seats is PA-10 . Although currently held by a Republican, Democrats hope to flip the seat this year. This has many Democrats flocking to the ticket to take on incumbent Republican, Representative Scott Perry, who took office in 2013. PA-10 consists of Dauphin County, as well as most of Cumberland County, and parts of York County. As local ABC affiliate ABC News 27 points out, Perry's margin of victory peaked in the 2014 election, with 74.5% of the vote in PA-4, a district which favored conservative voters. After the Pennsylvania Supreme Court redrew the congressional voting maps, Representative Perry was redistricted into PA-10, winning his race by a mere 8,000 votes.

Although Perry has gradually increased his margins since the 2018 election, he received just 53.8% of the vote in 2022, a far cry from the margins he received a decade ago. Many Democrats view Perry as vulnerable and suggest that Perry's support in the district is weak.

According to an interview with the Hill in 2018, Perry was born in San Diego and raised from an early age in the Harrisburg area. Growing up in a working class family, Perry's first job at age 13 was picking fruit. He graduated from Northern York High School and received a degree in Business Administration from Penn State. Perry served in the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1980 until 2019, where he obtained the rank of Brigadier General in 2014. Perry served in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives from 2007 until 2013 and has served in the U.S. House of Representatives ever since. In 1993, Perry started Hydrotech Mechanical Services, a water flow testing business located in Dillsburg. Perry's legislative agenda includes support for small government policies, limited spending, the agricultural industry, the pro-life movement and additional border security reforms. As leader of the Freedom Caucus, one of the most far-right caucuses in the House, Perry is one of the most conservative members and has remained an unabashed supporter of former president Donald J. Trump.

Two Pennsylvania Republicans, Doug Mastriano and Rick Perry, were key figures in former president Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election, according to the U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Perry had his cell phone seized and has been part of the FBI's ongoing investigation into overturning the results of the 2020 election.

Upcoming Changes to Housing Selection System

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the number of ILUs through adding two more houses with 4 people each to accommodate a total of 89 groups.

The goal of this is to optimize the amount of groups that can have the opportunity to live in an ILU. It was expressed in great detail with great emphasis that students applying and hoping to live in an ILU in the upcoming year should be detailed with their application. From selecting roommates to making deadlines, the process is very important in getting an ideal place on campus.

To begin, the group should designate a group leader and a group name, and all members of the group must complete an application through StarRez.

Furthermore, there is an "absolute deadline" of March 15th for all applications and preferences for room selection. With that in mind, traditional room selection will be done on April 4th, 15th and 16th.

Also important to note, if you do not currently have a roommate or a roommate for the next academic year, the Office of Residence Life will be hosting a roommate meet and greet. This event will be an opportunity for students looking for a potential roommate or a roommate group to join.

If you apply for a room without a roommate for the next academic year, you may be assigned a roommate based on any number of factors. For example, if you choose to live in Myer Hall and you and another student both are set to live alone in adjacent rooms, you may be combined to make space for other roommate groups.

So, as you venture on the path of your journey here at Etown, always remember to have a backup plan. In fact, have a backup plan for your backup plan.

You truly never know what may happen, and it's better to be proactive than reactive.

Criminal Justice Expands at Etown

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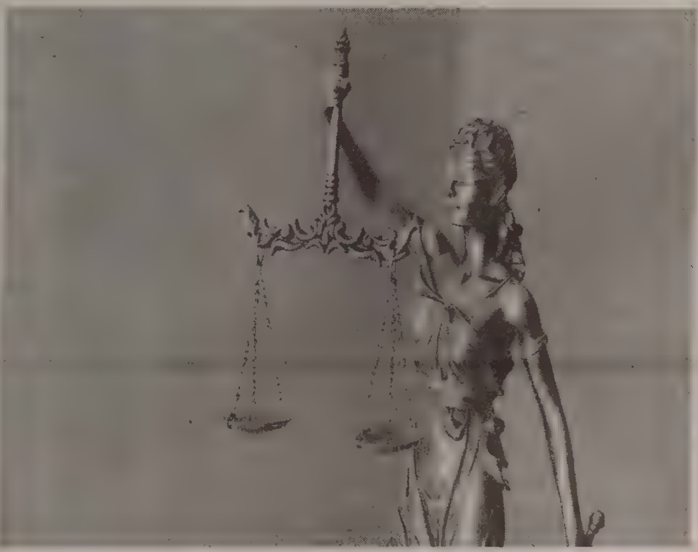
things as well."

So, where will the criminal justice major be in three to five years?

Crandall hopes it is still growing. Her goals include higher student enrollment, more course offerings and more partnerships with agencies and organizations. She is also hoping to provide ACT 120 training, which is training for the police academy and is required for a job in law enforcement.

In the span of just four years, the criminal justice major at Etown has gone from nonexistent to thriving.

"I can't wait to see what the criminal justice major turns out to be," second-year Grady Zigner said.



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The criminal justice major is growing at Etown.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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N'DJAMENA: The central African state of Chad was rocked by an attack on its National Security Agency (ANSE) on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Several people were killed in the shootout. In retaliation, the government arrested and killed some oppositionists who they claimed were behind the attack, including 49-year-old Yaya Dillo, the leader of Chad's Socialist Party without Borders (PSF).

The Republic of Chad is a large, landlocked and sparsely-populated country, with a population of 19 million. Its government consists of three branches similar to that of the United States. The president can serve for a maximum of two six-year terms. Chad is also politically unstable

The current president, Mahamat Déby, took power under abnormal circumstances. After the assassination of his father, President Idriss Déby, Mahamat Déby claimed the top job for himself when the government fell into the hands of the transitional goverment. After this period, a new, permanent government would be implemented. Déby announced that he would instead serve until 2024, which sparked outrage throughout Chad.

Déby's cousin, Yaya Dillo, was the leader of the PSF up until his death. Dillo previously held positions of power in Chad's government, first as a federal bureaucrat and later the ambassador to the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa, which is an organization of several states that aims to promote mutual economic growth. With all of his achievements and merit, he was a strong contender to win the presidential election on May 6, 2024. With Dillo's death, this dream came to an abrupt end.

This spectacle began with the Feb. 27 killing of PSF member Ahmed Torabi, who the government claimed had attempted to assassinate the Supreme Court president. Torabi's body was left outside of the ANSE building.

The reason behind the shootout at the ANSE is unknown. The Chadian government claims that PSF members, led by Dillo, started the attack, but Dillo himself claimed that he was not present and that the PSF only wanted to retrieve Torabi's corpse.

On February 28, several members of the PSF were arrested and shot by the Chadian police. The next day, the Chadian government announced that Yaya Dillo had been killed because he had refused to surrender to authorities.

Now, the city is quiet. Police officers are roaming the streets of N'Djamena, though, and they are keeping their eyes on civilians. The country's internet was cut off after the attack, and it remains so. In addition, military checkpoints have been set upon streets throughout the city. All seems to be calm in N'Djamena for the time being, but the tension can snap at any moment.

Business Buzz

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After Netflix's rise in the 2000s, the world saw an influx of streaming services: Paramount Plus, Disney Plus, Peacock, Prime video and Max, formerly known as HBO Max, to name a few. Users have complained that the surplus of streaming services is equivalent to paying for cable, and sports fans are part of that category.

Right now, in order for sports fans to get their fill of their favorite team, they may have to be subscribed to multiple streaming services. If they want an exclusively sports streaming service, they may be subscribed to ESPN+ for $10.99 a month, but there are no live National Football League (NFL) or National Basketball Association (NBA) games. Amazon Prime Video offers Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and Live Thursday Night Football, on which the Philadelphia Eagles' Jason Kelce has guest starred, but they have to be an Amazon Prime subscriber.

Luckily, a recently announced deal between three major corporations may eliminate the need for multiple streaming services, thus saving sports fans money.

In early Feb, ESPN, Fox and Warner Brothers Discovery announced that they are teaming up to make an all-inclusive sports streaming service. According to the Sports Business Journal, the main people involved in negotiations include the Disney CEO, ESPN President, Fox CEO, Fox Sports President, Warner Brothers Discovery CEO and TNT CEO.

There a myriad of networks signed on to the service: ESPN and its other channels, ABC, FOX, TNT, TBS, TruTV and Big Ten Network as well as others.

No price on the service, release date or name are available at this time.

According to the Verge, in 2023, ESPN and Disney discussed the possibility of partnering with the NFL and NBA for a streaming service, but nothing ever came of the deal. Now, they are joining forces with two of the biggest competitors. This could lead to debates on whether this partnership could count as a monopoly or not.

On this new service, fans will be able to watch a breadth of live sports. The (NFL), Major Baseball League (MLB), NBA, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), National Hockey League (NHL), college sports and more will be available to watch.

The companies did not release any details on how blackouts will be dealt with. Blackouts occur when subscribers try to watch a local game and are stopped. This is a number one complaint for many sports streaming services subscribers as these local games are usually the ones they want to tune into most.

The Sports Business Journal reports that subscribers will be able to bundle the service with Hulu, Disney Plus and Max if desired.

Etown Celebrates International Women’s History Month

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The sun is shining, birds are chirping and the breeze smells like bloomed flowers. March means the start of spring and the beginning of International Women’s History Month. Women’s History Month lasts the entirety of March, and Women’s History Day was March 1st. Elizabethtown College celebrated early, as the students and staff had spring break. There are many events to celebrate Women’s History Month upcoming in March.

On Wednesday, February 28th, Etown hosted a few events to celebrate the day. Students could view pictures and quotes of notable women and write notes of uplifting words to be displayed on campus. Students also could write pledges in support of women.

I attended the pledge event on the second floor of the BSC where I got to draw a line in a color (based on year), write a pledge and spin a raffle wheel. I had the pleasure of talking to Javita Thompson, the Director for Center for Community and Civic Engagement. She explained to me the importance of having women in leadership positions at Etown. She mentioned our president, Betty Rider, and other women with leadership roles includingKristi Kneas, Keri Straub, and Student Vice President, Nicole Gonzalaz. Thompson described how important it is to be recognized.

“You see someone who looks like you, and who you could be,”Thompson said.

Thompson also expressed the importance for celebration of women. Before she began her career at Etown, there were no events and celebrations for women’s history month.

“How can we not do this event?” Thompsonsaid while chuckling.

She described how Etown’s Office of Student Activities (OSA), Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB), Title IX and the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) made this event possible. Thompson explained to me that each year, the event has a theme, and this year’s theme is “Inspire Inclusion”. The goal for the event is that both men and women will make pledges to inspire inclusion.

I also learned more about Darcey Mills, Elizabethtown’s director of Student Diversity, Equity and Belonging. When asked on the importance of Women’s History Month, he explained that, “Women’s History Month is important as it provides an opportunity to showcase the diverse contributions women have made throughout history.”

Photo courtesy of Katie Farrell

Students were able to view pictures and quotes of notable women and write notes of uplifting words to be displayed on campus.

It is valuable for women to see other women holding positions of power, making a difference in their communities and providing love and support. Society has made incredible strides in promoting equality for women. One example is Greta Gerwig’s movie “Barbie”. The movie provided an example of feminism, self-discovery and ambition for women across the country.

“Representation matters,” Mills said. “Highlighting the achievements of women helps all students, especially women, see what is possible.”

There are many events for students to take part in to celebrate Women’s History Month. Mills says he is very excited for the Women of Etown panel, which focuses on inclusive leadership in higher education.

“It’s an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue between students and staff who are passionate about creating positive change on campus,” Mills said. He hopes that students will come out to these events on campus.

“The programming and people behind it are awesome. It’s a chance to be educated and aware on matters that can help break stereotypes and inspire folks to challenge traditional norms,” Mills said.

Etown hopes to see college students at these events.

Women’s History Month is a month to celebrate and respect women who have worked hard for their goals and dreams. All women are important, special, and recognized, even if they are not in a high position of power.

“Celebrating Women’s History Month can inspire students to pursue their passions, knowing that they are following in the footsteps of many remarkable women who have come before them,” Mills said. “It can empower them to overcome challenges and biases they might face in their academic and professional journeys.”

It is important for women globally to keep lifting one another up and to provide support for one another. Women are stronger together when they cheer each other on. Etown hopes to inspire their students to do the same.

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Features

Fake Fireplace, Real Conversations encourages diverse opinions

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On March 15, the High Library held the Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation talk on its main floor from 7:30 p.m. to p.m. By using The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversations Instagram account, this event facilitates student reunions and talks about discussion topics which are published on the day before the event.

Many people find solace in this way around the High Library fireplace and know they are not alone. For a few hours, others might view it as a way to unwind and listen to others talk.

"What are the words or intentional actions that keep you going when things get tough?" Graphic design major Hannah Schilling asked to start the conversation.

"Pain is temporary," second-year public health major Schumy J. Pascal said. "It gets me through the day knowing what I feel will not last forever."

Many of the attendees shared words that also got them through the hardships of life. One commented on how she maintains her sanity by talking to her friend about how she feels. "Yapping is a must in friendships," she said. Which is talking about everything and anything—a need to express one's inner feelings.

"What words or actions shut you down?" Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson, the chaplain of Elizabethtown College, asked.

The follow-up question made everyone think deeply about their responses and it took a certain period of time for people to start speaking up.

"I do not know what shuts me down exactly, I mostly just shut down and stay in my own zone without any specific reasons some of the time," an attendee said while sipping a cup of tea provided at the Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation. "Maybe because I am an introvert, and my walls are too high for people to reach me and shut me down."

As many agreed with this statement, others had other opinions and perspectives on the question being asked. Third-year social work major Sheridan Smink explained by saying "People who think they know exactly how you feel when you know that they do not make her shut down easily. "

"Because everyone goes through trials and hardships differently than others, no one could understand how you feel better than yourself," an attendee exclaimed, sitting on a bean bag enjoying their time listening to the open-ended conversations happening.

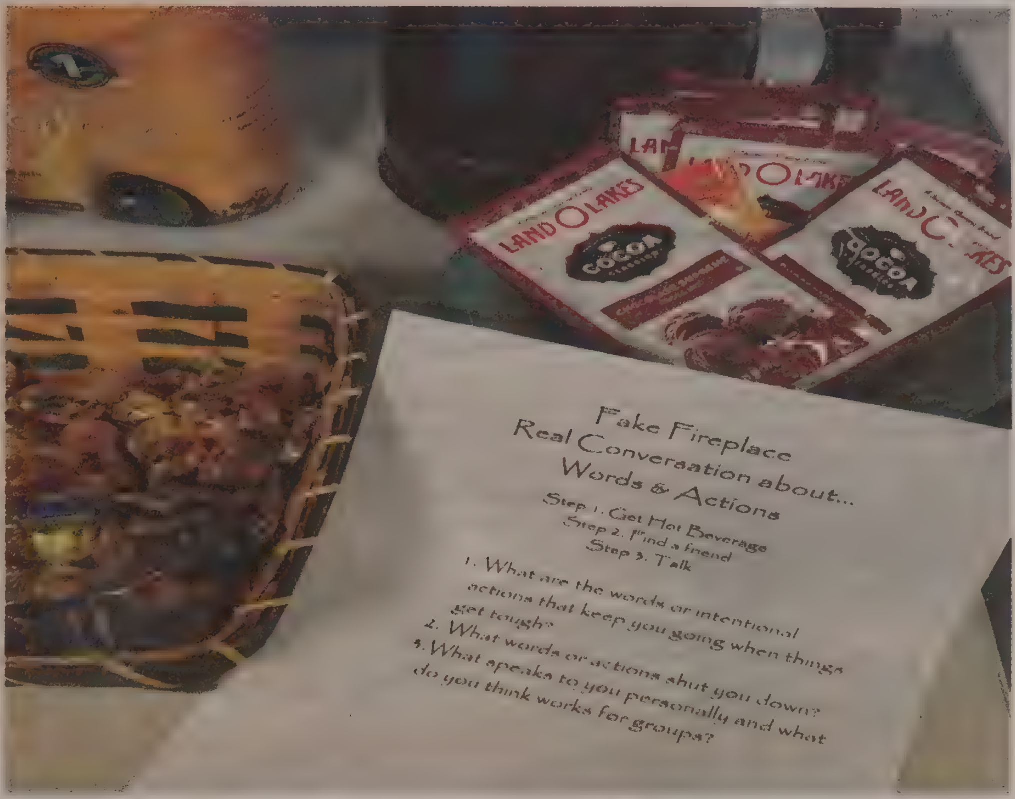
For the last discussion question, participants were asked, "What speaks to you personally and what do you think works for groups?"

Poetry, music, and creativity were the things that everyone said that spoke to them the most. How it feels good to read or write something that you have made by yourself based on your feelings. The way it speaks to your soul even after years of not reading any type of work you have produced.

"I get very passionate with my books and find it hard to make other people touch them," Smink said.

The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation has brought many people together to just enjoy the evening and talk freely in a safe space. Those reflections help students evacuate their feelings by talking and not feeling judged but instead listened to by others.

The Fake Fireplace, Real Conversation weekly meeting takes place on the High Library main floor every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., right by the cozy fake fireplace. All are welcome to join, whether they want to participate in a conversation or simply relax with some candy, tea or hot cocoa. For further details about the meetings or to learn about the daily discussion topics, visit their Instagram page @etownff.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Remembering Our Beloved Chaplain Joan Austin (1931-2024)

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Dr. Patricia Joan Austin served as the chaplain of Elizabethtown College from 1981-2001. Joan was presented with the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award for her "outstanding service to all people regardless of race or faith." A professor of psychology with a postdoctoral fellowship in cognitive therapy from the University of Pennsylvania, she maintained a private counseling practice, worked in counseling services at Etown, and significantly contributed to making interfaith cooperation and religious diversity a social norm on campus. The origins of Etown's disability and learning services, counseling services, civic engagement and service-learning initiatives can all be traced back to Joan's leadership and vision.

How did Etown hire the first woman chaplain and the first person not ordained as a minister in the Church of the Brethren for this role? From 1899-1948, Etown required students to attend daily chapel services. After the Second World War, many students attended Etown on the G. I. Bill. These military veteran students expressed dissatisfaction with attending chapel. They were not too keen on listening to sermons about pacifism, hearing personal testimonials from conscientious objectors against war, or joining in prayers admonishing U.S. foreign policy makers for rejecting making peace through international détente. In response, beginning in 1948, Etown integrated nonsectarian chapel services, occasionally hosting clergy guest speakers from a variety of denominations and eventually faith traditions.

In 1967, students protested mandatory chapel services, requested chapel services be renamed assemblies and called for limiting the number of assemblies required. In 1967, Etown issued this statement: "The College does not expect the total faculty to be Christian or reflect any one point of view". In 1968, Etown reduced chapel services to once a week, introduced a weekly nonmandatory ecumenical worship service and required students to attend six out of ten credit-bearing convocation lectures per semester. Later, the convocation series became the one-credit First Year Seminar Colloquium, which is today the fourth hour component of FYS.

From 1973-1980, Dr. Jay Gerald Griener (class of 1964), a reverend and minister in the Church of the Brethren, served as Etown's chaplain. During his tenure, responding to student resistance, mandatory chapel services ended. Attendance declined sharply at weekly ecumenical worship services. Students voiced their dissatisfaction with convocation program topics. At this time, the President of Etown was Dr. Mark Ebersole '43, another member of the Church of the Brethren, who previously was the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Temple University, where he worked with Joan Austin.

Joan Austin, recipient of Temple University's Outstanding Woman

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Chaplain Austin leaves remarkable legacy on Etown's campus

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Chaplain Joan Austin wearing the doctoral tam which belonged to Willy Brandt, Chancellor of West Germany from 1969-1974, who spoke at Etown on April 21, 1988, and gifted his tam hat to Joan.

Graduate Award, was a professor of Psychology who, in 1977, created Temple's Office for the Disabled. The Education Division of the International Television Association gave first prize to Joan for a film she created in 1978 entitled, "To Help Ourselves". This was a training film for campus architects about removing barriers to making education more accessible to the physically and emotionally disabled. Joan served on the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports for the Disabled.

President Ebersole hired Joan Austin to be chaplain specifically because she was not a minister or a member of the Church of the Brethren, and she would introduce a nonsectarian counseling approach to the role of chaplain. She would bring a special concern for addressing students with disabilities. Her record on social justice and service learning resonated with Etown's mission. Essentially, President Ebersole was listening to the students, and he found a chaplain who would bring leadership to a strategic plan for religious life on campus consistent with what mattered most to the students.

In 1981, when Joan arrived at Etown, various religious groups operated independently. Joan created the Religious Life Committee to establish collaboration among all campus religious student clubs. This committee replaced the weekly ecumenical worship service with a new format, based on the model Etown used for chapel services from 1899 to1948, which was to have the students lead the worship service. Every faith tradition represented among the students took part in leading worship, thus attracting a wider audience across campus. In 1994, students requested the weekly interfaith worship services to be eliminated and instead students became involved with the local community, attending worship services off campus, and engaging with local congregation's service projects. This was the origin of the program called "Into the Streets", which started on October 29, 1994.

Simultaneously, the Religious Life Committee, responding to student requests, renewed its commitment to providing campus wide nondenominational worship services for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Attendance at on-campus holiday worship services increased to between 800 and 1200 students, faculty and community members. This was responsible, in part, for the growth of informal Bible studies, prayer meetings and interfaith religious discussion groups in the residence halls. Student clubs for several faith traditions emerged during these years, and in 1996, when Lefler Chapel was built a meditation/prayer room was incorporated into the design as requested by the students.

In 1982, the senior class asked Joan if they could have a baccalaureate service on the Friday night before commencement. Initially, it was called the "Senior Service", rather than the Baccalaureate, and Etown did not officially sanction it. The service was held off-campus at the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. 10 years later, in 1992, Etown officially incorporated the Senior Service into commencement weekend activities and renamed it Baccalaureate, but only on the condition it kept its unorthodox sectarian format. Rather than a religious service with a notable theological speaker, students lead the baccalaureate service at Etown, with several seniors giving personal reflection presentations. In the same year, the Board of Trustees issued this statement: "The Church of the Brethren cannot and should not control the college and the college cannot and should not expect the church…to assume all of the legal responsibilities of ownership." Thus, the baccalaureate service at Etown remains nonsectarian.

As we approach the 2024-2025 academic year and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Etown, I am reminded of the 1999-2000 academic centennial year. In 2001, part of the 100th anniversary celebrations included Etown publishing a collection of every public prayer written by Joan for all campus services held in her 20 years as chaplain. The book is entitled, "To the Ends of the Earth: Prayers for a College Community in a Global Society". I know many people who read this book of prayers as part of their daily devotional meditation. Joan's voice is still inspiring us.

Joan Austin died on January 29, 2024, at 92 years old. Personally, I miss having conversations with Joan. She read constantly, and our interdisciplinary discussions about the books we were reading and sharing were important to me. It was a privilege to work with Joan for the last eight years of her tenure at Etown when I served on the Religious Life Committee. In 1998, it was delightful working with Joan when my wife Amy and I created a campus organization for Episcopal students called the Canterbury Club. Joan's passion for literature, art, music, theater and travel abroad was contagious. Joan often joined Amy and I on trips to New York to go to the opera. When she retired in 2001, Amy and I took Joan with us on a trip to Rome. Exploring Rome and the Amalfi Coast through Joan's eyes was an extraordinary experience.

Indeed, Joan Austin was extraordinary, and her lasting impact on Elizabethtown College is a powerful testimony to her magnificent style of inclusive interfaith leadership.

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Restaurant in Rome, Osteria Da Zi Umberto, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Caro Zi Umberto, proprietors, Jean-Paul Benowitz (in the back), Amy Benowitz, and P. Joan Austin.

What superpower would you have based on your zodiac sign?

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Back in the day, Jays, I used to be the biggest fan of the Marvel movies. I filled my wardrobe with graphic tees featuring Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk, Thor and all the other Avengers. However, after the premiere of "Endgame", I, like many of us, felt overwhelmed with all of the content Marvel is putting out, but I still harbor a sweet spot for the movies. Robert Downey Jr. started the Marvel Cinematic Universe with his iconic portrayal of Tony Stark/Iron Man. He just won his first Oscar this year for his role in Christopher Nolan's "Oppenheimer" and he reminded me of my love. So for this week's horoscopes, let's find out what super power you would have based on your zodiac sign. Check out your sun, moon and rising if you really want to be unstoppable!

Aries- Your power is pyrotechnics, meaning that you can control fire. You'll be just like the Human Torch from "The Fantastic Four." Your coffee will never be cold again. Just, when you're practicing your newfound abilities, please make sure to do it far away from the dorm buildings. No one wants to have an impromptu fire drill.

Taurus- Your power is accelerated healing, like Deadpool from Marvel Comics. No one hates getting injured more than you, even if it is the smallest of paper cuts. You like to be comfortable, and that can't happen if you're moaning in pain. Luckily, with your fast healing powers, this will never happen again!

Gemini- Your power is lie detecting. D.C. Comics' Superman uses his super senses to tell when he is being manipulated, but you will just innately know. You're already a great communicator, Gemini, which is why you're constantly surrounded by friends and shine at work. This will give you that extra boost.

Cancer- Your power is water manipulation, like Katara from "Avatar: The Last AirBender." Part of this is because you are a water sign, but it is also because of the way you float through life. You have amazing emotional control and so you'll handle this turbulent element like it's nothing. Your pool parties are going to be the best!

Leo- Your power is flight, like Captain Marvel from Marvel Comics. You like to make an entrance, Leo. It's part of your dramatic streak that we all love so much. The best way to announce your presence is definitely dropping out of the sky and landing on your feet. Plus, you'll never have to pay for gas again! (That's the real super power here!)

Virgo- Your power is kinetic copying, which essentially means that you can duplicate yourself like Clayface from D.C. Comics. If you were a crime fighting superhero, this means you could easily outnumber your opponents. Practically though, this means that you might actually make a dent on your never-ending to do list.

Libra- Your power is the ability to look into the future, similar to Alice Cullen from "Twilight" or Dr. Strange from, well, "Dr. Strange." No longer will you spend hours debating the pros and cons of every decision. When you can see the future, choices are off the table. You can decide if that's a good thing or not.

Scorpio- Your power is shapeshifting, similar to Ursula from Disney's "The Little Mermaid." You don't like to show everyone your cards, Scorpio. You always want to keep them guessing. What better way to keep people on their toes than if you're constantly shifting forms? Try not to get into too much mischief with it!

Sagittarius- Your power is telekinesis, meaning you can move stuff with your mind. You'll be just like Eleven from "Stranger Things." No longer will you have to get up from your comfy spot on the couch to grab the remote or let the dog out. You'll probably have more practical uses too.

Capricorn- Your power is the ability to stop time, like Castiel from "Supernatural." It's true that patience is a virtue that you already possess, but there are times you wish you could simply freeze the clock just to complete your to-do list. Now, you'll have all the time in the world and then some.

Aquarius- Your power is conjuring, meaning you can summon whatever you need whenever you want. You're like Zelena from "Once Upon A Time." You're a creative person, Aquarius, and I have no doubt you'll conjure up the coolest and most useful things. Plus, you'll never lose your keys again!

Pisces- Your power is power mimicry, meaning that you can absorb the powers of other people around you. You're just like Rogue from Marvel's X-Men. Considering how empathetic you are, this makes complete sense. You tune into other's emotions, and in turn, you also tune into their powers.

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Interested in seeing what power you would possess if you were in a superhero movie? Read this week's horoscopes to find out.

Activity Review

Hikers and nature lovers will enjoy this scenic trail that leads to a cliff-face overlooking the Susquehanna River

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Over spring break, I took the time to revisit one of my favorite parks, the Susquehanna Riverlands State Park. The Susquehanna River runs between York and Lancaster County, which provides residents with great views overlooking the water. This park is one of my favorites due to its beautiful views and pleasant paths.

The Susquehanna Riverlands State Park is only about 10 minutes away from my hometown of Wrightsville, Pa. but would be a bit more of a drive from campus, around 30 minutes. However, I believe the drive is worth it to walk through the woods to the rocky cliff overlooking the river.

The 1,044-acre park runs along both Codorus Creek and the Susquehanna River, providing visitors with incredible views of the water. The park has multiple rocky outlooks, but my favorite features a railroad bridge in the background. This outlook is spacious enough for multiple visitors to admire the views or sit down and enjoy a relaxing picnic overlooking the river.

When my partner and I visited this park for the first time on our second anniversary, we planned on having our picnic on this outlook. However, I didn't realize there was more than one parking lot, so we ended up having to walk an extra half mile down a stone road before we even saw the second lot. It was a very hot day in June, but we still enjoyed our hike. Once we got past the second parking lot, it was much more shaded. I also recommend visitors to use the bathroom before coming, since there are currently no bathrooms on site.

Along the path, we passed wheat and corn fields of the neighboring farms. These fields are off limits to visitors, but the path was clearly marked well enough to prevent us from wandering too far outside the park's borders.

We also encountered other visitors and their dogs! While this park is pet friendly, remember to clean up after your pets along the trail and be careful to not let them disturb any wild animals living in the area. During our first hike on the trail, we did see a dog get spooked by a garden snake moving through the tall grass. Speaking of tall grass, remember to check yourself and your pets for ticks after the hike to prevent taking home any bloodsucking hitchhikers!

When we finally got to the outlook, we took so many pictures with the Susquehanna in the background and enjoyed our well-deserved food! I would recommend anyone who is afraid of heights to skip this particular outlook, as it doesn't have a railing and drops straight down to the rocky riverbed.

Whenever you visit a park, be sure to clean up after yourself so that others can enjoy the same park as you did. Litter can cause wildlife to get tangled in the debris, ingest the litter and choke, become ill, get intestinal blockages or even attract invasive species. It can also unfortunately encourage wildlife to approach humans which can be dangerous to all involved.

The Susquehanna Riverlands Park is a short three minute drive away from Codorus Forge, also known as Hellem Forge. This historic iron forge was created in 1765 and was once owned by James Smith, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Cannon balls were cast in the original furnace during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The iron forged here was sent downstream to Philadelphia and Baltimore to service early manufacturing until the furnace shut down in 1850. The forge is located just off the road and is a worthy stop for history lovers after the hike.

Overall, I would say that this park is great for anyone who loves hiking and great views!

Photo courtesy of Charlie Carberry

York and Lancaster county locals can enjoy the beautiful scenery of the river and woodlands of the Susquehanna Riverlands State Park.

Covid College Experience

Class of '24 laments the effects of Covid-19 on their college careers

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I remember how hard it was to be a high school senior in 2020, having my senior trip canceled and my graduation be over Zoom, all during a global pandemic. Seniors who graduated in 2020 had to then face a whole new challenge: college during Covid. Instead of attending events and making friends, new students saw events canceled and on hiatus.

"People were really naive about it in the beginning. They thought it would be over sooner than it was, and made plans they had to cancel," fourth-year professional writing major Chandler McGuire said.

Many college first-years in 2020, like myself, found it difficult to find normalcy at the start of their Elizabethtown College experience. Some found it difficult to make friends, since many activities were canceled and many clubs and classes we held over Zoom. Even when groups would meet in person, students would find it difficult to connect with others and conform to social distancing at the same time.

"It's finally been feeling like college for the last two years. I've always called my freshman year 'Covid-college' because it really wasn't truly college. It was Zoom classes and distancing and sitting four hours away from everyone I've ever known," Fourth-year multicultural human services major Judas Foster said. "I'm surprised I made friends at all my first year. But every year since, I've met more people and made more connections and found out what college was supposed to be like all along."

Students have also expressed difficulty fitting into the routine of college with some classes being held in Zoom while others remained in person. Fourth-year professional writing major Kyle McLaughlin discussed his unique experience as someone who has done virtual schooling before.

"The transition was pretty easy for me, but it was obviously jarring for faculty and students due to how finicky Zoom calls were, how classes we usually managed due to the free-trial limits that some teachers had to work around," McLaughlin said.

Fourth-year professional writing major Mahli Rupp found the mesh of in-person classes with masks and Zoom classes difficult to adjust to.

"As a first year student, it was honestly super confusing and stressful just because of all the new things," Rupp said. "New school, new Covid everything, new people."

Rupp also touched on how campus has changed since Covid initially hit.

"Now there's almost no Covid things unless you get sick, and even then it's much more relaxed. I still carry a mask on me just in case and for respect for some, but I haven't used it in forever," Rupp said. "Also, now there are less Zoom classes, even if we have a bad weather day, most people seem to prefer just canceling class as opposed to having it on Zoom."

While Etown implemented several policies in order to keep the number of Covid cases to a minimum, such as the Health Monitoring Survey and encouraging social distancing and mask-wearing, some students feel that these actions were not enough. Some students were able to be exempt from getting the vaccine due to religious and/or personal beliefs, as well as social distancing and mask-wearing being treated more like a suggestion, rather than policy.

"There were no consequences if you didn't [wear a mask or social distance,]" said a fourth-year student.

Despite most establishments, businesses and campuses going back to "normal," Covid is still considered a threat to public health by the CDC, and Boston University claims that there have been nearly as many hospitalizations in January 2024 as in January 2023.

Perhaps this is just the new normal for upcoming and current college students; the new challenges that come with making connections behind a mask or behind a screen.

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Fourth-year students discuss how Covid has impacted their education over their time at Elizabethtown College.

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Business Review

This local Italian restaurant offers a wide variety of beloved classics such as pizza, wraps, sandwiches, and more!

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When you're craving some Italian food after the Marketplace has already closed for the night, there are several options available around campus. Located just up the road at 2345 South Market Street, Sal's Pizza offers the classic pizzeria atmosphere and food to make you feel at home.

I've been to Sal's a handful of times, usually ordering pizza to be delivered to my dorm to share with friends, but I've also chosen to dine-in. The restaurant had plenty of comfortable seating, and the staff was pleasant with quick service.

Their pizza is the best from any local pizzeria I've eaten at. The crust is crisp, and there's a nice balance of cheese and sauce without it being too greasy. It's also fairly reasonably priced, though it obviously costs a bit more for delivery.

Sal's also offers an extensive menu beyond just pizza, with all the expected Italian fare. In addition to the pizza, I've tried two different types of wraps, both of which were served with a small bag of Herr's brand chips. The first was the buffalo chicken wrap, which I really enjoyed. It had a ton of flavor and was spicy enough without overwhelming the other ingredients.

The second wrap I tried was the breaded chicken wrap. The menu didn't list that it had mayonnaise on it (I happen to despise mayo), so I didn't ask for it to be made without it, but unfortunately it was included. However, there was only a small amount on one side, so it wasn't too bad, and there was plenty of onions, tomatoes, lettuce and chicken to hide the sauce.

Both wraps were much larger than I was expecting, so while they did cost around $12 for the full meal, I had some left over for lunch the next day or a midnight snack.

This week, I decided to order from Sal's with third-year public health major and Campus Life writer Cassidy Rohrman, who wanted to try the chicken tenders. She was somewhat unsatisfied, claiming they were missing something, so she recommended using the barbecue sauce they come with or another sauce you like. She did, however, like the fries that were included with the meal.

We also decided to order the Nutella dessert pizza. It was essentially a regular pizza dough base covered in a Nutella spread, with a sprinkling of powdered sugar on top. It admittedly doesn't look incredibly appetizing, but it tasted incredible. The dough helps balance the sweetness of the rest of the pizza, and it works really well with the Nutella.

If you do decide to order delivery from Sal's, I suggest placing your order a little in advance of when you want to eat. Rohrman and I didn't decide on what we wanted until the height of the dinner rush, around 5:30 p.m., so we ended up waiting about 40 minutes for the food to be made and another five minutes for the delivery. Personally, I felt it was worth the wait, but I was definitely getting hungry!

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Alongside the typical savory pizzas, Sal's Pizza also offers a dessert pizza to satisfy your sweet tooth.

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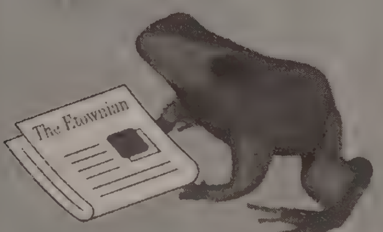

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Located at 7 North Market Street, the Coble Residence is most recognizable for its white painted brick exterior and Queen Anne-style French turret. It was named after David Coble, a shoemaker and banker for the Union Bank, who acquired the property in 1854.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on the Coble Residence by Aubrey Gray Mitchell.

Media Review

This intense 14-episode romantic drama captivates viewers

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July 15. Almost 20 years pass during Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhew's journey together, each major checkpoint in their relationship occurring on one day: July 15. Netflix's recently released series "One Day", immediately enthralls viewers with a friends-to-lovers trope and stuns them with its shocking conclusion. The 14-episode drama feels as though each individual episode is its own movie, with an engaging and unique plot for each one. The only thing that remains steady throughout their constantly shifting lives is their friendship.

Emma and Dexter meet at a party following their graduation from Edinburgh University, and viewers get to watch how their fortuitous meeting unfolds a relationship filled with subtle nuances and concealed passion. They build a relationship based on friendship, despite the facets of their tumultuous lives pulling them in opposite directions.

From the moment I began the first episode, I was enchanted by the characters. Each one is distinct in personality and charm.

"I'm so drawn to the show because I think the characters are so different from one another," current viewer Riley Hennelly '27 said. "You would never believe they would have such a strong connection, but they absolutely do."

Writers choose to leave many aspects of the plot unsaid. Instead, things are revealed subtly through characters' actions. Through this style, it is up to the viewer to fill in the gaps between episodes and make assumptions. In my opinion, this deepens the connection between the viewer and the reader, plunging the viewer directly into involvement with the plot and the characters. It's as though you are watching two close friends and how their relationship unfolds, feeling each and every emotion along with them.

After watching "One Day", I attempted to determine the meaning behind the title. At first, it seems as though it is based simply on the fact that each episode begins on one day—the same day each year. However, as the series progresses, the idea of one day becomes even more prevalent and meaningful. It is symbolic of one day of each year, but also of the idea that two people meeting on one random day—by pure chance—changes the course of their lives. One day, you will meet someone. One day, you will fall in love. One day, you will heal.

A series containing exquisite music, stunning filming locations and vibrant characters, "One Day" soars above all expectations. If you plan on watching, make sure you are prepared to fall in love with each character, be ready for a plot twist, and bring lots of tissues.

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If you love romance, check out this new Netflix Original and watch the relationship unfold.

Recipe Review

Start your day right with this simple fruity parfait

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As the semester kicks into high gear with a transition into the second half, you may find yourself struggling to keep up with healthy eating habits, especially if you have early classes. So, here's a fresh and filling breakfast option you can make right in your dorm!

Start by gathering your ingredients: fresh or canned fruits, yogurt and granola. Use any of your favorite fruits. I chose to include bananas and raspberries, but blueberries, blackberries, peaches and strawberries would also work especially well. The Marketplace frequently keeps many of these out and almost always has bananas.

Yogurt and granola are also generally available in the Marketplace. I used both vanilla and peach yogurt to add some extra flavor to the layers, but feel free to use any other flavors that compliment the fruits you plan to use. I found one cup of Yoplait brand yogurt to be the perfect size, but any brand will work. You can also use dairy-free, low-fat or other varieties that suit your particular diet.

Find a spoon and a glass or bowl that matches the approximate portion size you're looking for. Using a clear glass will add an aesthetic flair since you'll be able to see all the layers, but isn't necessary.

First, spoon some yogurt into the bottom of the glass or bowl and spread it around until it fills about half an inch of the glass. Add a thin layer of the granola on top. Then, slice your first fruit into small pieces and add them until they completely cover the granola. I chose to add the bananas first, cutting them into roughly quarter-inch thick slices.

Cover the fruit with another layer of yogurt and granola. Cut up and add your second fruit. For the raspberries, I found that cutting them in half made them a good size for this dish. Top with more yogurt and sprinkle granola on top.

This was enough to fill the glass I used, but if you have a larger vessel, you can add more layers, alternating between fruits each time. Then, grab your spoon and dig in!

I found this dish to be really satisfying on its own, and the raspberries and peach yogurt was an exceptionally good combination that I recommend trying out for yourself. The granola added just the right amount of crunch to compete with the soft fruits.

This recipe is a little time-consuming to assemble, but it was fun to make and tasted great!

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This easy to make breakfast treat combines your favorite yogurt with an infinite amount of topping possibilities!

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Men's lacrosse captures first win of the new season

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The Elizabethtown College men's lacrosse team captured the first win of their season this past weekend on Saturday, March 9. Their 17-10 win over St. Mary's (Md.) improves their record to 1-3. With plenty of the season left to be played, the Blue Jays will hope to use this as a turning point moving forward.

A strong offense stole the show in this game. The Blue Jays offense was efficient early and often, making the right passes to find the back of the net. The whole team really came together, as 11 different Blue Jays found a way to score. Four of those Blue Jays found the net multiple times. Fourth-year midfielder Connor Stewart and fourth-year attacker Colin Kondracki led the team with three goals each. First-year attacker Tristan Coleman and fourth-year attacker Gavin Gismondi also came through for the team. Each of them tallied two goals on the day, setting the pace for an Etown victory. Fourth-year Brayden Franey also put up a solid showing. His 12 save day kept the opponent at bay, giving the offense a chance to run away with this one.

After going down 1-0 early, Etown quickly took over. They scored less than a minute after they conceded the opening goal and took off from there. From there, the Blue Jays went on a run that saw them score four straight goals before St. Mary's (Md.) could break through for another. There would be another couple goals for Etown late in the first quarter, one being with just seven seconds to play, as they held a 6-2 lead heading into the second quarter.

The next quarter was a showcase of pure dominance on the defensive end. Kondracki would slot his third goal of the day past the goalie early in the period and Etown would find the goal two more times. However, the defense is what really stood out in this quarter. Franey made three of his 12 saves and defense kept the pressure on, shutting out St. Mary's (Md.) in the quarter.

From that point on, Etown kept a steady lead. The last two quarters saw both teams putting consistent pressure on the offensive end. The Blue Jays pulled away in the third, scoring six goals to their opponent's four and extending their lead to nine. St. Mary's (Md.) would score four straight times to begin the final quarter of play. Etown would manage to close them out though, scoring two more goals before the final whistle sounded to put the nail in the coffin. Each managed eight goals in the final two quarters with Etown pulling out the win 17-10.

This win gives the Blue Jays some much needed confidence as they take the road for their next two games, leaving Wolf Field behind them. They'll begin the road trip with a matchup in Lancaster, Pa. against Franklin & Marshall on Saturday, March 16 at 12 p.m. and then play at 6 p.m. on March 20 at Widener University in Chester, Pa. The two games are key out-of-conference matchups for the Blue Jays.

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First-year Tristan Coleman earns first multi-goal game of college career in win.

Major League Baseball Spring Training: Which prospects you should be watching this season

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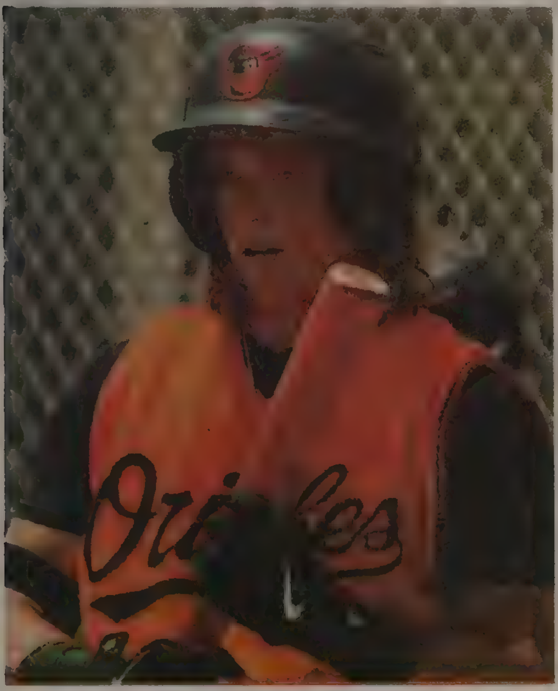
It's that time again. Excitement is rising for yet another season of Major League Baseball (MLB), as spring training is in full swing. Fans desperate for baseball watch their favorite teams play somewhat meaningless games, but in the process get to see their teams' regular season rosters take shape.

The center of attention for every spring training is the prospects. Players from the minor leagues are given a shot to make some noise and earn a roster spot. This year, there's so many prospects knocking on the door for the major leagues, and position battles are getting heated. The defending champion Texas Rangers are one of the centers of attention for these battles and 2023 first round pick Wyatt Langford is already making a case for his name on the major league roster.



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MLB's top prospect Jackson Holliday is on pace to crack the Orioles roster on Opening Day.

The fourth overall pick out of the University of Florida was considered one of the most major league ready bats going into the draft and he's proven scouts right. After dominating the minor leagues, Langford showed up for spring and has shown out. The outfielder has clubbed four home runs in 11 games as of March 11. They've been mammoth home runs too. Langford also holds a .379 batting average and .472 on-base percentage, showing a good eye at the plate with five walks to 10 strikeouts. With the Rangers looking to repeat, the 22-year-old could be up quickly.

Jackson Holliday is another media darling that's getting a ton of attention and rightfully so. The 2022 first overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles has proved it at every level in the minors and might be ready for the show. After a slow start to his spring, he found his rhythm. At just 20 years old, the middle infielder is already wreaking havoc on opposing pitchers. In 31 at-bats, he's totaled 19 hits, including two doubles, two triples and a home run. He's also driven in five and is a lead catalyst for 14-3 Orioles this spring. Holliday has been a tick behind on his timing though, drawing just one walk to 12 strikeouts. For a prospect known for his patience and ability to draw walks, the decision of whether he makes the major league roster is still up in the air.

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Spring training is an important time for players, especially rookies, in Major League Baseball to earn their spot on the team's roster.

James Wood has been another spring training standout and is giving the Washington Nationals hope for the future. Acquired in the Juan Soto trade and just 21 years old, Wood is already flashing his potential. In 14 games, Wood has launched three moonshots and even rounded the bases for a triple. The outfielder could be one of the most feared hitters in baseball looking towards the future and the well-rounded ability he's showing at the plate is already frustrating opposing teams. The Nationals are not a strong roster, so they aren't in win now mode, but for a team looking for a face of the franchise, Wood can and should be that guy. Look for the Nationals to call this guy up early to speed up the rebuild.

There is no telling which prospects will break spring with the team. While many teams' top prospects are playing like major league ready players, general managers sometimes tend to be patient with their young future stars. They don't want to stunt their development. However, with the level some of these players are playing at, it'll be hard to keep them off the Opening Day roster. As Opening Day closes in, the last games of spring training will get more exciting as we get closer and closer to teams setting their roster in stone.

Wilson is stamping her legacy for Elizabethtown women's hoops

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A senior guard on the Elizabethtown College women's basketball team is having a season unlike anything the team has seen in years.

Cyleigh Wilson, a Blue Jay from Sandy Hook, Ct. has been a four-year member of the Blue Jays women's basketball team and has started every game of her career. Duringher four years with the team, Wilson has made the Landmark Conference playoffs every year, including two NCAA Division III tournament appearances.

For most people, this would be enough accolades to fill their entire career but not Wilson.

During the 2023-2024 season, Wilson made a massive jump in her game from her first three years with the team. She averaged 13.2 points per game, placing her at fifth in the conference. Fans believe it's Wilson's efficient numbers that leave opposing teams sleepless at night. Shooting 48 percent from the field and a staggering 50 percent from the three-point line, Wilson is becoming one of the most efficient players in all of Division III women's basketball.

"Not only does she have an amazing three-point shot, which is the best in the country, but the addition of her floater has also really made her a more prolific scorer," Head Women's Basketball Coach Veronica Nolt said.

Despite standing at just 5 feet and 5 inches, Wilson does not let her size define her play on the court.

"I focus on what I can do instead of focusing on things I can't control," Wilson said. "My height is something I can't change, so it's more important to me to improve my skills and shooting so my height isn't a factor."

With her unbelievable numbers comes the opportunity to break records, and Wilson did just that on Jan.14 in a conference win over Goucher College. This year, the Landmark Conference hosted four games at the Palestra in Philadelphia, home to the University of Pennsylvania basketball teams. The Palestra is one of the most storied gymnasiums in the country, hosting many exciting college and high school games over the years. The Blue Jays had the opportunity to participate in the event, and Wilson did not shy away from the spotlight.

Wilson finished the game with a career-high 29 points while also knocking down nine three-pointers, which set a new school and conference record. "Breaking the record at the Palestra just made it even more special to do it at such an iconic place," Wilson said.

"To be able to say that she broke the conference record at the most historic basketball gym in the country is something she has for her lifetime," Nolt said.

Wilson was not done breaking records. A couple of weeks later she broke another one,, crushingthe Etown women's basketball single season three-point record. The record previously held by Nancy Keene during the 1988-89 season was 65. On Feb. 7, Wilson drained her 66th three-pointer of the year:

"It means a lot to me," Wilson said. "To see all my hard work pay off is super rewarding. I honestly knew I was close to the record, but didn't know how far away I was, so when I made the three and the entire gym erupted, I was in shock."

Not only is Wilson a great basketball player, but she is a leader and accomplished student off the court. Wilson was named team captain this year, demonstrating her leadership and positive attitude towards the team's success. She has also been named to the Landmark Conference Spring Semester Academic Honor Roll twice in her career.

"Cy is super fun, sociable and an amazing friend," junior guard Summer McNulty said. "We are roommates, and I love being able to have and create a relationship off the court with her."

Nolt described Wilson as "an encouraging teammate and friend. She is always looking for ways to improve the team and our ability to execute well and win games."

Wilson highlighted these qualities as improvements she's made over her college career.

"I think my leadership has definitely improved," Wilson said. "I am a point guard, so I need to make sure everyone is on the same page when we are playing."

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Photo courtesy of Wyatt Eaton on Elizabethtown College Athletics

Starting guard Cyleigh Wilson has put together a record-breaking campaign in her fourth year playing.

Healthy minds: The effects of music

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No matter the genre, music provides society with a myriad of purposes. From an education standpoint, students can use it to help them study. Outside the classroom, music can have a role in sports. On the field, it can have an impact in practice or an athlete's mindset prior to an upcoming game. In general, people use it to reinvigorate themselves when they must push on with tiring work. With so many people enjoying tunes as they work — as services like Spotify report millions of monthly users — it causes one to consider whether music exhibits a noticeable effect on one's performance and productivity.

The major benefit one can receive from music comes from how it appears to help productivity stay consistent. The University of Maryland's Global Campus and the journal MATEC Web of Conferences discuss how music listeners exhibited higher levels of focus on their goals. This logically increases productivity and performance of students and athletes, since one would suffer from fewer distractions and would get more done when listening to music than they would otherwise.

Of course, music also increases one's mood thanks to neurological transmitters. One may hear the term 'dopamine' tossed around when people discuss joyful things, referring to a brain-laden chemical that becomes more prominent when performing enjoyable actions and is responsible for "feelings of pleasure, satisfaction and motivation" according to HealthDirect. Therefore, if one enjoys music, then their brain will release dopamine as a response, which would boost one's mood and help them get through otherwise tiring work. In turn, this can lead to athletes having a stronger preparation process for a practice or game.

One inevitable question comes from whether certain types of music deliver greater mental benefits. Classical music stands out as a candidate for the most beneficial type of music to listen to, as Harvard's Health Publishing discusses a psychological study wherein people who listened to Mozart performed better on several tasks than those who did not. However, this benefit is not exclusive to the work of the famous Austrian composer, as journals like Personality and Individual Differences note studies wherein participants listened to both "vocal and instrumental" tracks and performed relatively better on certain tasks than those who did not listen to any music.

One must also note how these studies noted a minor yet potential harm that music inflicts in certain circumstances. A study found in the book Topics in Cognitive Psychology mentions how a few participants did worse on tasks involving "reading comprehension" than those without music. However, not only was the overall difference between groups in this study relatively minute, but some tasks understandably require focus intense enough to make any external stimuli detrimental. The crucial thing to take away from this article is not that music is "harmful" in certain circumstances, but rather one must understand their work and know if they need to modulate their habits to continue getting the most out of the several mental benefits music delivers, whether that be in the classroom or on the field.

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Listening to music can help you perform better athletically, including putting some headphones in while you go on a run.

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Sustainability Challenge Set Forth by Dining Services

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Elizabethtown College students have increasingly been made aware of their waste in the dining hall, not only through the introduction of the KITRO machines in the tray return and disposal area, but also through posts on dining services' social media profiles which highlight the numbers behind the waste and the most wasted items.

"Sustainability has always been an important goal for dining services as seen through our pulper system and our honeybees that we have on campus. KITRO is just a new initiative to help that sustainability effort continue to move forward," Austin Benner, general manager of dining services at Etown said.

One effort for increased awareness and to further the support and growth of the KITRO system was announced on March 11 through the dining services Instagram alongside an email sent out to the campus community. It was titled the "Spring KITRO Challenge," and it aims to reduce the waste produced from the starting date of March 11 till April 15.

Supporting this goal not only acts as a challenge but also allows for increased awareness about the impact of consumption on the environment. According to FoodPrint, a nonprofit organization dedicated to lowering food waste, 22 million pounds of food are wasted per year by college campuses.

Relating more personally to Etown, in numbers provided by Dining Services an average of 158 servings of chicken tenders were wasted for every chicken tender Tuesday throughout the month of February. Even with that number, that is not even a fraction of the options available to students that are often wasted even in higher numbers such as pasta, fries, pizza and lettuce as shown from the October KITRO results. Knowing that, the campus community must consider the environmental impact that is associated with a high volume of food waste.

"I really enjoy the new sustainability challenge that is being hosted by dining services. Food waste is a huge problem across the U.S. and to see Etown making an effort to better our world by reducing our waste makes me quite proud as a sustainability advocate," Kylie Holl, second-year individualized environmental law major said.

Outside of the environmental benefits, Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services (ECHOS) is one of the main benefactors of the challenge. ECHOS, according to their website, works with the community and volunteers to provide family and

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Etown Celebrates Women's History Month

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The Bowers Center proudly presents women throughout history.

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March. It brings warmer weather and the promise of the nearing end of the school year. It is also Women's History Month, a time to celebrate women's experiences, achievements, and ability to overcome the special types of adversity that come with being a woman.

Etown has set up numerous exhibits and events in appreciation of Women's History Month. The celebrations kicked off on February 26 with the Monday Series Concert titled "Women Sing." Most weeks, Etown will have a Monday Series Concert, in which a musician or group of musicians will be invited to perform at the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. At "Women Sing," Anne Gross sang pieces written by women composers from a range

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Eastland Alpacas Hosts Student Visits

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Tucked away in the heart of central Pennsylvania sits one of the most stunning farms on this side of the Mississippi River. What makes it special is important—a combination of warm hospitality, true heart & passion, integrity in work and of course Alpacas!

"Our visit was an awesome experience," first -year civil engineering major Carson French said. "There's a lot of information to be learned and I would highly recommend giving them a visit."

While the time before spring break seems so long ago, the stress of midterms coming to a peak had left me and my peers longing to leave campus for a well-deserved break. A spontaneous word-of-mouth rumor and a Google search accompanied by a phone call to confirm led a small group of Elizabethtown College's finest to Eastland Alpacas. After creating and confirming a reservation prior, our merry band made the nine-minute drive up the hill from the college to the small quaint farm. Upon a quiet arrival, we entered a small homespun shop filled with creative Alpaca fur applications. From socks to absolutely thrilling hats and the softest stuffed animals you have ever felt, this shop was a truly hidden gem. As soon as we entered the shop, we were soon greeted by one of the kind caretakers of the farm, Sue Zurin. She informed us that a guide would be coming out shortly, so we hesitantly left the shop.

Courtesy of Samuel Mahoney

Students pose with alpacas during their time at the farm.

Leaving the shop and moving down the hill we were warmly greeted by a kind man donning Carhart and boots, Kevin Zurin. His smile lit up a dreary Saturday and his jovial, optimistic tone brought about a certain calmness over not only his animals but also our small group. Within seconds, he showed genuine interest in our group, asking about our majors, our years and where we were from. Following this, we were led to a small fenced-in portion of the barn containing a group of young Alpacas with their mothers. It should also be noted that we were now in the company of a very different population, adjacent and scattered across the barn — and across the farm in general —was a diverse gathering of very friendly cats.

Following a short lesson on the history of the farm as well as the cycles of the Alpaca litters, we were introduced to young Alpacas and their parents. After the gates

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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This just in, Intel Corp is going to be spending big in the next five years as part of a company-wide initiative to construct new factories and expand already existing facilities.

According to an article released by Reuters, Intel has released that they plan on using the $19.5 billion in loans and grants they had approved this year to further the construction of plants in four U.S. states all through 2027. This is coming off the heels of the CHIPS and Science Act being passed, furthering the company's stated mission to produce cutting-edge superconductors.

The company plans on constructing new facilities in Ohio and Arizona, while already existing facilities in New Mexico and Oregon are being planned to undergo modernization fit to current industry standards. As it currently stands, Intel's investment in Ohio is stated to be the largest private-sector investment in the state's 2021-year history.

The CHIPS and Science Act, passed by President Biden in 2022, authorized wide-scale funding for research and manufacturing efforts for new semiconductors in the United States.

An estimated $8.5 billion in government funding is reported to be invested in Intel, with President Biden himself making plans to visit the company's Ocotillo campus in Arizona to formally announce the preliminary agreement.

Despite being the birthplace of the superconductor, according to a statement made by the White House, the U.S. is currently responsible only for the production of less than 10% of them globally, prompting the passing of the CHIPS and Science Act to give us a leg-up in their production for the next few years and boost that percentage up to 20%.

In a statement made this Wednesday, Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger was optimistic about the upcoming expansion.

"Today is a defining moment for the U.S. and Intel as we work to power the next chapter of American semiconductor innovation," Gelsinger said. "AI is supercharging the digital revolution and everything digital needs semiconductors. CHIPS Act support will help to ensure that Intel and the U.S. stay at the forefront of the AI era as we build a resilient and sustainable semiconductor supply chain to power our nation's future."

Despite this, Gelsinger also stated that he believes another round of funding from the CHIPS Act would be needed before they can re-establish themselves as a key player in semiconductor production to rival other companies like TSMC and Samsung, who are benefitting from overseas manufacturing facilities rather than strictly being a one-country operation.

In addition to the prospective boom that the semiconductor industry is set to go through in the next few years, the production of these new facilities is estimated to create close to 30,000 jobs.

The production of new factories is not the only effort that Intel has been making in recent years to increase their production output.

As an investment measure, they announced a decade-long $100 million investment effort in superconductor-related research and education, collaborating with universities and colleges all across the U.S. Half of those funds were said to be allocated directly towards facilities in the Ohio area, with the rest of it to be distributed nation-wide.

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Etown Highlights Women on Campus

of time periods. Anyone could watch the concert free of charge.

On the walls of the first floor of the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Wellbeing are flyers depicting famous women who have overcome adversity or have otherwise led inspiring lives. These stories exemplify women's capability for innovation and leadership. They will be on display for the month of March.

The High Library's Hess Archives has provided media such as interviews, letters, diaries and photographs that portray women from the Etown community and the Church of the Brethren from as far back as the 1930s.

You can read about Karen M. Johnson-Weiner, who interacted with women from different Amish and Mennonite communities to learn about their experiences in a society that is so different from our own, yet also right next door.

Why is it important to acknowledge Women's History Month? Gabrielle Reed, the Title IX Coordinator, says that the campus community can experience a variety of benefits. For example, women can be more comfortable sharing their experiences, and their diverse perspectives on certain issues can be heard.

"Women's experiences are diverse and multifaceted, encompassing a range of backgrounds, identities, and perspectives," Reed said. "By listening to these experiences, the College community can gain a deeper understanding of the diverse challenges and triumphs that women encounter in higher education."

Part of the beauty of being human is that no two people have the same experiences; this is even more true when the two people are of the opposite sex. Throughout American history, women's voices have often times been silenced, and women have not always been able to speak as freely as they can today. Even today, many women feel uncomfortable sharing their stories for fear of judgment from others. That is why it is important to have an open ear to others' diverse experiences– we all have something to learn from them.

History has shown that women have the power to activate change on a global level. For this reason, Reed believes that acknowledging women's unique perspectives can benefit Etown as a whole.

"Women's voices[...] can serve as catalysts for positive transformation within the college community." Said Reed. "By listening to women's stories, colleges can identify areas for improvement and implement initiatives that promote gender equity, diversity, and inclusion."

Perhaps above all else, Women's History Month is important because it gives us a special opportunity to promote gender equality. Everyone deserves to be treated equally, seen equally, and heard equally.

"Overall, listening to women's experiences with higher education enriches the college community by promoting inclusivity, empowerment, understanding and positive change." Said Reed. "It fosters a supportive and equitable environment where all members can thrive and succeed."

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In Pennsylvania's General Assembly, the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-controlled Senate are often at odds. Throw Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat who sometimes breaks with his own party, into the mix, and things get even messier. It was apparent during the 2023 budget season, and it's even apparent now, during a time that's typically not as busy. While there hasn't been as much outright fighting, recent bills introduced show a story of two chambers at odds.

In the state Senate, a resolution asking Shapiro to help Texas Gov. Greg Abbot, a Republican, guard the U.S. border with Mexico was recently passed. The state senators want Pennsylvania's National Guard troops to travel down to the southern state. Only the governor or the president can call on a state's national guard.

State senators talked about the resolution for over an hour in their session, which is publicly streamed.

"I believe securing our border is not a partisan issue," state Sen. Doug Mastriano (R., Franklin), who introduced the resolution, said, "Instead of simply wringing our hands and saying this is the federal government's problem, let's act."

The resolution passed on party lines in the chamber, where Republicans have a five-seat majority. It's likely destined to be quickly extinguished in the state, if it's even brought up for a vote.

In the state House, Speaker Joanna McClinton (D., Philadelphia), recently held a press conference introducing legislation aimed at voting rights. The press conference, which was live streamed, featured McClinton and several voting advocacy organizations.

McClinton's legislation is aimed at creating a more streamlined voting process and therefore increasing participation. Her bills would allow same-day voting and early voting.

"Having early in-person voting, along with same-day voter registration on Election Day, will empower our neighbors in every part of the Commonwealth to participate in each and every election," McClinton said.

The state Senate has looked at increasing voter identification requirements and raised concerns over election security before. McClinton's legislation could set the scene for another battle between the two chambers on how the state's elections are carried out.

Whatever the two chambers decide, it will have an impact on each of Pennsylvania's 67 county boards of elections. In Pennsylvania, the counties carry out the majority of the legwork on election day, and officials have expressed frustration about direction they've received from the state.

The two different issues highlight different priorities in each chamber. Shapiro's recent budget address proposed key controversial issues, like legalized marijuana, that may set the stage for a long, drawn-out budget season as the two chambers learn to work together.

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Debates surround the issue of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Dining Services Encourages Sustainability

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individual support services, information and resources, eviction prevention and diversion resources and emergency shelter programs. If students can reduce it to less than 10,000 pounds, $2,500 will be donated to ECHOS. Even further, if the campus community can reduce their waste to 8,000 pounds or less, they will receive an additional $2,500. Through donating to ECHOS upon successful completion of the challenge the department is not only working to reduce food waste, but also food insecurity for those who are currently unhoused.

"As a student who interns at ECHOS, the KITRO challenge sounds like a wonderful opportunity for the student body to not only make the campus more sustainable but also benefit the community as a whole as well," Antonia Raimondo, a second-year social work major said.

Another benefit for students accomplishing the stretch goal of less than 8,000 pounds is that they can use meal swipes during finals week at Jay Truck. Such a reward is not only beneficial to all the students who will be out of Jay Bucks at that point but will leave a good feeling around campus during the typically stressful time.

While it may seem that many of the efforts are happening externally within the campus community, internally the department is improving their waste production as well. One of the main ways they are doing so, besides the aforementioned pulping system that allows for food to be reused later in the composting process, they are becoming increasingly aware of guest counts. This prevents too much food being put out and then having to be thrown out.

For those who are interested and intrigued by the challenge, the most realistic solutions for reducing one's personal waste may be the simplest– taking less food on the first trip and adding as needed on additional trips.

An Adventure at the Alpaca Farm

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opened, we were all given a handful of pellets to feed the Alpacas, all the while being educated on the beautiful animals in front of us. As the pellets began to disappear to the hungry Alpacas, we were instructed on how to pet the animals. With no other way to describe it than other worldly softness, petting an Alpaca is an experience truly like no other.

Moving onward towards a much larger fenced portion of the farm, we were introduced to a friendly pair of Alpaca brothers. Much like their caretaker, Griffin and Cordon Bleu may just be two of the friendliest Alpacas you may ever meet. Never in my life would I have ever thought that two Alpacas would be so willing to lean in for a hug. Upon meeting this duo and hearing their powerful backstory I have only one word to describe them — iconic.

Speaking of iconic, never before have I seen a simple shout bring on such a wave as did the effort by Zurin. It was his call that led a flood of Alpacas coming running over the hill to join our party and be greeted by some much deserved pellets sponsored by their caretaker. All the while, we were learning about the fascinating process of shearing and processing the Alpaca's coats and maintaining the animals' health.

On a closing note, Zurin made sure to stop us under a large shade tree before the end of our tour. He began to recall memories of his father insisting that he take but a small sapling and let it mature. At first, like many of us, Zurin was very skeptical of the young sapling, but he humored his father. He gave it the attention, he put faith in it, he cared and nurtured for it and then many years later it became that very shade tree we and the Alpacas had been resting under. This final message was more than just a story of a tree, it was a much needed piece of advice for a group in need of the sentiment. A final reminder more valuable than any monetary or physical reward, a reminder of what we have the potential to become.

So whether you choose to go to Eastland Alpacas to visit with the friendly animals housed on its grounds or for the compassionate valuable lessons delivered by the caretakers, know that you are in for a truly special experience.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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A brewing humanitarian crisis is threatening thousands of Haitians with violence and starvation. Even though widely unpopular Prime Minister Ariel Henry announced his plans to resign, hundreds of gangs continue a violent protest of the country's political situation. The nation has been left in disarray, and many citizens fear for their lives.

These natural disasters have combined with political mismanagement and ineffective foreign influence to produce complex economic difficulties and political turmoil. Henry, a neurosurgeon by training, came to power during a particularly turbulent time; he was selected as the next Prime Minister of Haiti only days before the assassination of embattled President Jovenel Moïse in 2021. In fact, many in Haiti and abroad believed that Henry was involved in the planning of the assassination. In the chaotic aftermath, Henry claimed power in part due to pressure applied by a group of diplomats from the U.S. and other foreign nations.

One of Henry's key goals as Prime Minister, and eventually as acting President, was to combat crime within Haiti. He was also a vocal critic of global wealth disparities. He called on wealthier countries for assistance, and he criticized the treatment of Haitian migrants, especially by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Throughout his term, Henry attempted to consolidate power. He dismissed members of his cabinet, and he refused to hold several scheduled elections. Violence was a common response to these actions, but his 2023 announcement of a further delay of elections, anti-governmental gang activity and other violent outbreaks intensified.

The gang activity reached crisis levels early in 2024. More than 200 armed gangs, made up in large part of former members of the military, have demonstrated in opposition to the Haitian government. The leader of one of the main gangs, former police officer Jimmy "Barbeque" Cherizier, has openly called his group's activities a "revolution." Violent crime is rampant, and the threat of mass starvation looms as citizens are afraid to leave their homes.

Henry traveled to Kenya in late February to try to organize help from east African nations to quell the violence. However, the situation became even worse in his absence, as a prison was overrun, leading to the escape of more than 4,000 inmates. Henry recently agreed to step down, but the violence has only strengthened.

Officials throughout the Caribbean are scrambling to stabilize the dire situation, but gangs continue to terrorize the country, and millions of Hatians face starvation.

Business Buzz

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At the start of this month, 10 Elizabethtown College students traveled to the city of Prague in the Czech Republic as part of the course FBE450: Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economy. We spoke with a variety of local entrepreneurs, learning about their perspectives and stories. This included firsthand accounts of the transition from communism to capitalism, offering a look into how the Czech economy has changed in the past 35 years. The country was under communist rule from 1948 to 1989, until the Velvet Revolution, a non-violent transition of power that ended over 40 years of communist rule in ten days. Against this backdrop, these local entrepreneurs built up their businesses.

During our week in Prague, we met with four different entrepreneurs. The first was Radek Spicar, who is also Vice President of the Confederation of Industry and Trade. He did an excellent job of providing more context about the political and economic climate of the Czech Republic and told us about his very first experience with investing in stocks using privatization vouchers in college. His perception of buying and selling stocks seemed heavily influenced by the basic concept that you invest in companies that will always garner business, so naturally, he invested in an explosives company and a business that sells condoms.

Next, we met Max Munson, a Chicago-born entrepreneur who started Max's Steakhouse in 1992. He recommended four books: "4-Hour Work Week," "Rich Dad Poor Dad," "Wim Hof Method" and "Built to Move". He also discussed various challenges he faced during the 2008 financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic and relayed that you always learn more in business when you are not doing well.

Later in the week, we met Mathias Schwender, a German-born entrepreneur who has been in Prague since 1999 and is co-owner of Bohemia Hostels. We met him in one of his hostels on a small stage with the curtains drawn, adjacent to the communal dining room, which created a very welcoming atmosphere for our group. He was personable and passionate about the hostel business and creating social spaces where travelers can make new connections. Schwender had no intentions of becoming an entrepreneur, but when he noticed pitfalls and an overall void in the hostel industry, he decided he'd fill it.

Finally, we met with Antoin Koes, owner of ALBI, Kinoko and Antoin's Bakery, who told us how he grew his business from a small stand selling postcards to tourists in Old Town to partnering with Hallmark and having over 14,000 products.

It was fascinating to hear these entrepreneurial stories and have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with these entrepreneurs the challenges they faced and the experiences they've had.

Every street you walk down in Prague is different, whether it's the architectural style, the pattern of cobblestone on the ground, or the convoluted nature of the pathway. Each street is ornate and distinct. The first castle we visited was the Romanesque and Gothic style Prague Castle, one of the oldest castles in the world, which was constructed in the 9th century. We also visited Karlstejn Castle, built in the 14th century and used to securely store crown jewels and treasures.

The best food I had on the trip hands down was the deer goulash I ordered at a small restaurant called U Máni in Hlásná Třebaň outside of Prague. It came with bread dumplings which were very similar to stuffing and it was incredible.

The friendships created, perspectives gained and experiences I had in Prague are unparalleled, and if you are considering a study abroad trip, I may be biased, but Prague is a great place to go.

Courtesy of Ava Barton

Prague holds a multitude of beautiful sights.

Reslife hosts room selection session

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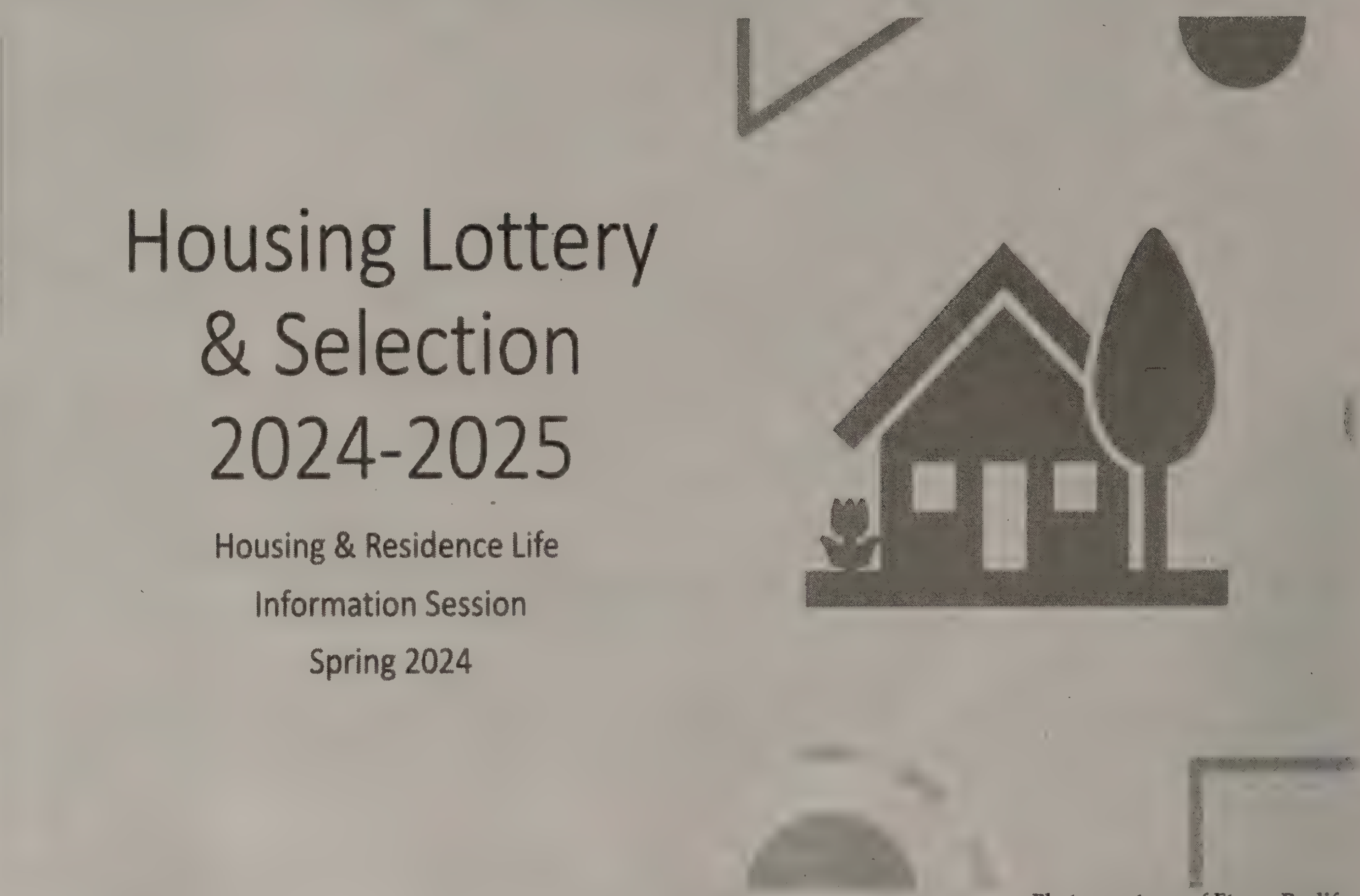

Housing Lottery & Selection 2024-2025

Housing & Residence Life
Information Session
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The Room Selection Information Sessions followed a PowerPoint presentation which allowed students to complete their application during the session.

Room Selection Information Sessions were held the week before spring break (February 27 through February 29) and the week following spring break (March 11 through March 15). These informational sessions were held to guide Elizabethtown College students on the room selection process for the 2024-2025 school year. These sessions were led by Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students Nichole Gonzalez, who is filling in for Tara Hoover—the Director of Residence Life at Elizabethtown College— while she is on leave.

The Room Selection Information Sessions followed a PowerPoint presentation which allowed students to complete their application during the session. The Housing Info Session PowerPoint was sent via email by Gonzalez on Tuesday, March 5. to all students. The PowerPoint also clearly lays out how lottery numbers will work. Lottery numbers are the order in which students can select their housing for next year. The lottery system is random and based on cohort years. It is not solely based on how many credit hours a student has.

“The housing process is similar from year to year, but the new StarRez software (a software company not affiliated with the College software) has made it easier for students to fill out the housing application,” Gonzalez expressed. “The application is now all online and students have found the StarRez software to be easy to understand.”

Another exceptional feature about StarRez is the ability to match with roommates. There is a matching section in the StarRez application that students can fill out and see other students with common interests. This matching functionality is one route to take if students still need to find a roommate. Students must have a roommate, or group, preselected before they can select their room/ILU.

Students had to fill out an application form for housing selection on the StarRez portal by March 15.. They will then receive instructions on when to log back onto the StarRez portal and select their room. Independent living unit (ILU) house selection will take place on March 21. Regular ILU selection will take place on March 25. Traditional room selection will be April 4, 15, 16.

While this new software has made housing selection simpler, there is still the issue of students getting the housing they want. Many upper-class students will not be able to live in an ILU due to their high demand. Most junior and senior students at the College apply to live in an ILU. As class sizes have increased in the past few years, the number of students in each cohort has increased causing a growing demand for students wishing to reside in an ILU.

As Gonzalez pointed out, “There are more upper-level students this year because class sizes have steadily increased in the past few years.”

To combat this, four ILUs were added for housing selection. Two houses were added to the ILU housing units: one across the street from the Leffler Chapel entrance and one next to the Brown parking lot entrance. In addition, one ILU unit was added in Myer, and one was added in Royer. While some upper-class students will not be selected to choose an ILU to live in, the addition of four ILU spaces shows that the College is taking the necessary steps to account for growing class sizes.

Housing challenges at the College will increase as class sizes continue to grow and the school comes closer to capacity. Room changes may become more difficult and a single person living in a double room will become scarcer. Creative measures will have to be taken to ensure students have proper living accommodations. But the question is raised, how will the College handle housing with its continuously growing class sizes?

OSA host first Bingo event for spring semester

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Here's a Bingo Joke:
What does a bingo player have in common with a driver in a parking lot?

They're both wishing for a free space!

This rang true on Thursday, March 14, when the Office of Student Activities (OSA) hosted their famous Bingo Night. OSA Bingo is a beloved event among the students at Elizabethtown College. Many students show up for this event for various reasons, but most come for the prizes provided by OSA.

The Koons Activity Venue (KAV) was packed with enough tables and chairs for 300 people, and more than 200 students were in attendance. Where you would be seated for bingo would depend on your placement in line. I was near the front, so I sat at the first table. I was seated across from third-year Lorelei Eck, who told me that she had arrived at bingo around 4:30 p.m.

“I've been going to Bingo ever since my freshman year,” Eck said. “I'd like to win at least once before I graduate.”

Eck claimed that while waiting in line, she painted her nails and got homework done. The line began forming really around 5:30 p.m. even though the doors for Bingo opened at 6:30 p.m. The line went far back into the Blue Bean, and many students had set up areas for where they would sit and wait. Another Bingo participant, Raia Meckley, says that she sat in Blue Bean and did homework while waiting for the doors to open.

Students come in pairs or larger groups to play. The prizes are one of the big

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OSA's Bingo draws students hoping to win prizes

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reasons that OSA Bingo is so popular. This year, the prizes ranged from Legos and gift cards to a Nintendo Switch. The Nintendo Switch was the most coveted prize, as many of the Bingo participants wanted to win. Eck wanted to win the Nintendo Switch so she could play "Animal Crossing: New Horizons". Meckley wanted to win the switch to have a tournament.

"My roommate and I had planned to set up a projector and do a tournament in our room," Meckley said while smiling. "I really was looking forward to that."

The first round of Bingo began a little bit after 7:00 p.m., and there were about 10 rounds of Bingo. Each round consisted of a different style of winning Bingo, and each round was played for one of the prizes. A majority of the rounds were played "regular bingo" style; you can win by getting five numbers in a row. Some of the rounds were played in other ways, like winning by making the letter "T" or "X", getting the four corners or making a "postage stamp" in the top right corner. The most difficult round was the last round, which was a blackout. In order to get a Bingo and win, one must have every single number in their bingo square filled. This is the round that everyone played to try and win the Nintendo Switch. I asked both Eck and Meckley if they had any bingo strategies that they were going to use to attempt to win the Nintendo Switch. Eck claimed that she has no strategy; she just hopes that she will win. Meckley on the other hand, said she didn't use cards for the items that didn't intrigue her., This is a strategy I myself used, as it allowed me to have more cards for prizes I particularly wanted. Sometimes, there would be multiple Bingo winners. In this case, the two winners would play "rock, paper,scissors" until there was a winner, and they would get to keep the prize. The other person would get Jay Bucks as their prize.

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For many students like Eck, they take winning bingo very seriously. Eck was very determined to win, and when I asked her what she will do after bingo, she said, "I'll probably go back to my dorm and seethe with rage because I didn't win." Meckley had some better luck — her roommate, Allison Hrvirnak, won the two Lego sets.

OSA Bingo is a fun experience that brings out lots of students. I would highly recommend anyone to come to the next event. Although I was upset because I was one space away from winning the Nintendo Switch, I had a lot of fun and I made some new friends. I feel as though Meckley puts the experience of Bingo nicely, as she said, "I just like the environment, and it gets me out of my room to socialize with people I've never met before!"

Scan this QR code to view upcoming OSA events.

Durnbaugh lecture celebrates 80 years of Heifer International

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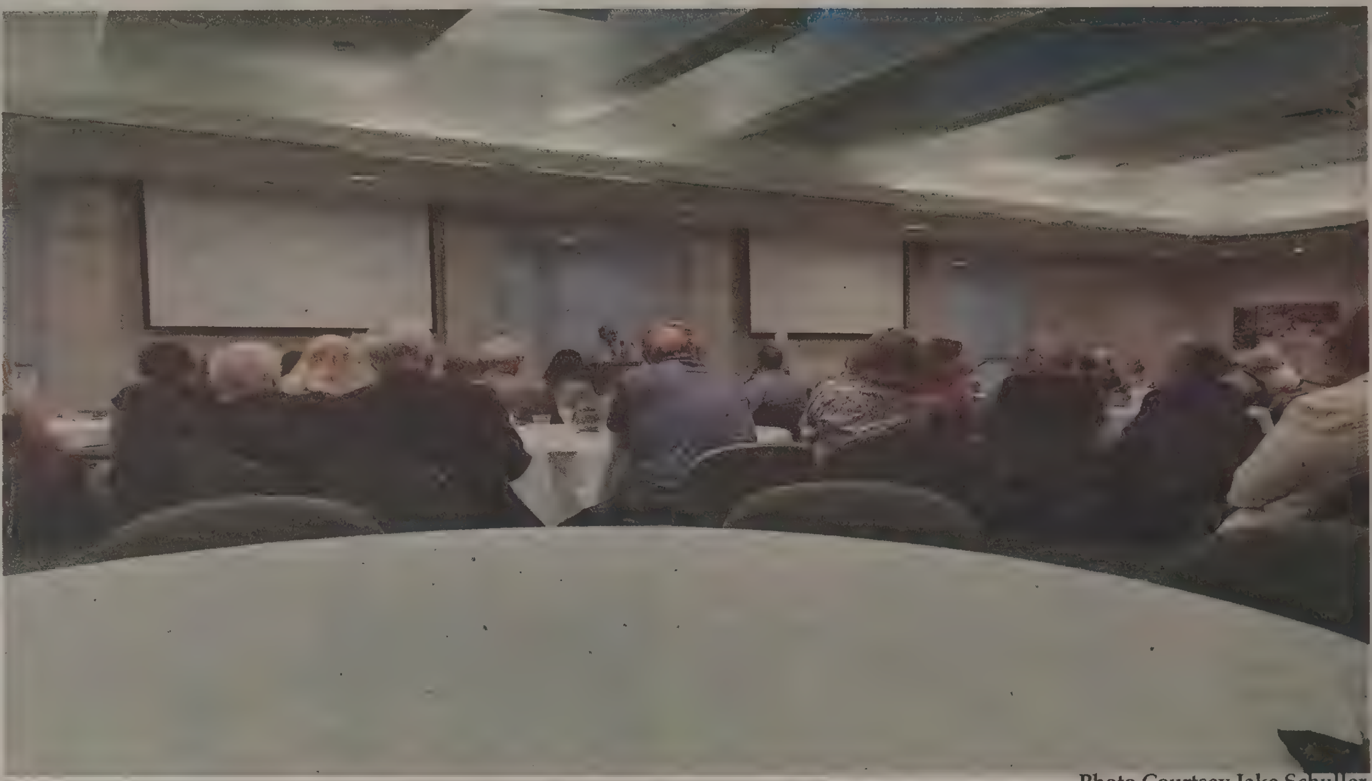
Heifer International recently celebrated their 80th anniversary in a lecture held at 7 p.m. on Mar. 14 in the Susquehanna Room of Myer Hall. Heifer, a global nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the eradication of poverty and hunger via sustainable and community-based development, incentivizing aid and training to build self-sufficiency.

The anniversary event began with a lecture by William Kostlevy, editor of the "Historical Dictionary of the Holiness Movement", 3rd edition (2024) and co editor of "Hoosier Prophet: Selected Writings of Dan West" (2021), as well as archivist and director of the Brethren Historical Library and Archives. Kostlevy described the origins of Heifer and its founder, Dan West, beginning with World War I. West spent two years a conscientious objector to the conflict and would later travel to Spain in 1936 to serve as the director for a relief program for the Spanish Civil War, providing aid for those in need. Growing weary with simply handing out rationed supplies, he leftSpain in 1938 with an idea for a more permanent solution to hunger, by donating heifers (cows) to families in need.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Kostlevy described the origins of Heifer and its founder, Dan West, beginning with World War I to kick off the 80-year anniversary celebration of Heifer International.

Returning to the U.S., West met with friends and congregations in northern Indiana about the idea of donating heifers to those in need, and by 1942, his idea had been endorsed by the Brethren Service Committee (BSC). Kostlevy spoke on the concerns of West and those involved with him. "In the beginning, Dan West was very concerned about one thing which should concern everyone who does humanitarian work: paternalism. How do we stop from micromanaging the gifts that we give? Do we actually give them openly?" Kostlevy said. West saw firsthand in Spain how only providing food was a short-term solution, and to solve this, there would be training and education that goes along with the aid to provide for the long-term. As Kostlevy explained, "It's not only the animals, it's the training that goes with it. The goal is to make the recipients participants in the program. And that's been part of the Heifer genius."

Kostlevy also illustrated Heifer's mission of building global relationships. Community-building is an element shared by several Brethren programs in the post-World War II era, and that "the goal is not merely to do something or help somebody, it's to establish relationships." Heifer recipients were also asked to write letters to those who sent things, in order to better build relationships and communities across global boundaries, with the intent being pacifism and cooperation to prevent another devastating conflict. "As Dan West said, you help everyone. A cow doesn't know the difference between a communist and a calculist [another term for mathematician]," Kostlevy said.

Following Kostlevy, Heifer's president and CEO, Surita Sandosham, spoke on the organization's scale and its current work in ending poverty sustainably. Sandosham emphasized the importance of following Heifer's goals and continuing to pass on the gift into the 21st century while grappling with modern problems of climate change, difficulty in peacebuilding and rising global prices on food.

"We are an international development organization. We work in 19 countries, and one of the things we are focused on is really about partnering and supporting communities and rural areas to build resilience so they can work through, get to a good place with their families and get to a sustainable income," Sandosham said. "What we're trying to do is build social capital and capacity at the community, regional and national level to help farmers build viable livelihoods, increase their incomes and better integrate women, youth and indigenous populations in market systems that are inclusive of them." All of this is to build a social safety net, where members of the community can rely on themselves and one another.

Sandosham described the holistic approach Heifer took towards its operations, considering elements such as the feed for their livestock, where there is a market for what is being provided and produced, and the cultural norms which may lack support for women, children and indigenous populations. "We want to make sure that we're thinking not just about the agricultural input, but also the society in which they're working in and that requires us to work in partnership with other organizations who are also in the same space," Sandosham said.

Sandosham concluded the anniversary lecture by restating Heifer's commitment to passing on the gift and supporting agricultural supply chains. "We want to be a partner with our communities, we want to listen very carefully and we want to continue the values that created Heifer through Dan West, and I assure you today, that is still very much a part of the DNA of this organization."

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Heifer, a global nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the eradication of poverty and hunger via sustainable and community-based development, incentivizing aid and training to build self-sufficiency.

What Marketplace dessert are you based on your zodiac sign?

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I don't know about you, Jays, but after a long day of tests, papers and whatever else professors throw at me, I want to enjoy a nice sweet treat. Luckily for us, the lovely Marketplace offers some of the most delectable treats on this planet. I have eaten at patisseries in Paris, and their treats don't compare to the ones offered to us on a daily basis. So, for this week of the Horoscopes, let's find out what Marketplace dessert you are based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to use your sun, moon and rising if you want to have the perfect dessert trifecta!

Aries- You are the chocolate chip cookie, an absolute staple of the Marketplace desserts. These cookies have expertly perfected by the lovely Dining Hall workers, and if you don't know what to get, the chocolate chip cookies are always a good choice.

Taurus- You are the red velvet cookies. This decadent dessert will satisfy your inner need for luxury. No one really knows what red velvet means, but luckily, you don't need to in order to satisfy your sweet treat!

Gemini- You are the ice cream machine. The ice cream machine isn't always working, but when it is, it's a delightful day on campus. It's kind of like when campus smells of chocolate instead of the unfortunate farm smells.

Cancer- You are the cannoli. Hard shell and soft insides, what else would you be? This classic Italian dessert is messy but worth the crumbs you find on your shirt hours later. Make sure to grab extra napkins!

Leo- Your treat is the Funfetti Gooey bar. Every bite is an explosion of sprinkles, color and general good vibes. They taste like childhood nostalgia, when the word 'Canvas' just meant something you paint on and not the terrible website that haunts our dreams.

Virgo- You are the brownie, specifically the one that mimics Little Debbie Cosmic Brownie. After a long day of running around, sometimes you just need a classic brownie. Your mood will instantly improve after some chocolate!

Libra- You are the Samoa bar. This bar is sweet, just like you, and blends together many flavors. It will remind you of the iconic Girl Scout cookies, except you don't have to wait for their season to come around!

Scorpio- You are the delightful cheesecake. It's unassuming with the lack of color, but don't be fooled. This treat offers you the experience of dining in a Michelin Star restaurant. The snickerdoodle cheesecake bars are also a good option!

Sagittarius- You are the Yoda themed cupcakes. The bakers really know how to make cupcake decorations worthy of your Snapchat story. It might hurt your soul to ruin Yoda's face, but at least your stomach will be happy!

Capricorn- You are the chocolate chip cookie dip. This treat requires some to eat, which means more time in the Marketplace to complain about your classes and gossip with your friends. If the walls of the Marketplace could talk, we'd all be in trouble.

Aquarius- You are the chocolate mint pie. All sign's point to this combination not working, but for some wonderful reason, it does. This isn't a common treat in the Marketplace, so hopefully next time, you'll get your hands on it!

Pisces- You are the carrot cake cupcake. Pisces represent the spirit of connection, and that is what Etown is all about. If you toured Etown, you probably got one of these cupcakes. Relive that time by indulging in this sweet treat!

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Interested what Marketplace dessert you should try? Check out the Horoscopes!

Natalie Meyer on her publishing internship with Dzanc Books

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Elizabethtown College third-year professional writing major and Assistant Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer has an internship with Dzanc Books, a non-profit publishing company based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This publishing company strives to distribute experimental writings that would not usually gain commercial attention or success. Along with that, they aim to uplift diverse authors, stories including underrepresented groups written by people from those communities. The company also does E-book re-issues for books already published.

When I asked Meyer about how she likes the internship so far, she responded, "I really like it, it's pretty laid back." She went on to discuss the workload of the internship, which consists of one assignment a week plus extra optional assignments. At the time of this interview, the internship assignment was to evaluate manuscripts. Meyer described how there are 30 interns in total, and five to six get assigned per manuscript each week to evaluate. They get emailed the manuscript, read around 100 pages of it and then provide feedback on whether they think it is a good fit for the company. The interns also get feedback on their evaluations of the manuscript, which Meyer says, "So far, I've gotten pretty good feedback."

Other aspects of this internship include Zoom meetings and the extra assignments. The Zoom meeting is held once per week and lasts for 45 minutes. It is like a lecture, focusing on the publishing industry's various aspects. As for the extra assignments, those vary depending on the week. Some include emailing book reviewers to see if they would be interested in reviewing any books, writing editorial letters and copy editing manuscripts.

As for most students, balancing an internship and schoolwork can be tough. Meyer states however that, "I've been managing." She describes how many of her assignments are due during the week, which take precedence over the internship. The internship assignments, on the other hand, are due on Sunday afternoon. Meyer admits that at the beginning, she would do the assignment on Saturday night, and it would be slightly rushed. However, after adjusting, she now breaks it down and works on it throughout the week, so she can complete it and not rush at the last minute.

I asked Meyer what the most difficult part of her internship has been, and she immediately responded with comparative titles. Comparative titles are part of the evaluation process, and overall, an essential part of the publishing industry. The task includes finding books from the past 20 years that are similar in some aspect to the manuscript she is reading. However, this can be difficult since the manuscripts this company receives are often unique.

I asked Meyer what her favorite part of the internship was, and she responded saying, "I really like it, it's hard to pick a favorite because we've really only been doing one thing so far." One part Meyer is certain of is her appreciation of Michelle Dotter, the editor-in-chief. Meyer went into how understanding Ms. Dotter is of the intern's time. Ms. Dotter, according to Meyer, said that she would not want the internship to be a breaking point, so if the interns must miss an assignment on occasion, it is alright. Another aspect Meyer likes is being able to read a wide range of stories that she would not normally pick up, she likes to see what is out there and what is being written. Lastly, Meyer said she likes that she has an impact, at least on the company, since the feedback she gives on the manuscripts is used.

The last question I had for Meyer, which many would want to know, is if the internship is a paid one. Meyer is not being paid for the internship, but she takes it in stride saying, "It is a really good experience, I have learned a lot. It balances out." To sum up, Meyer has thoroughly enjoyed her internship with Dzanc Books.

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Dzanc Books distributes works that would not usually gain commercial attention or success and aims to uplift diverse authors and stories.

Shyann the Black Lab/Akita Mix Who Hates Water

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This very friendly older lady is Shyann the Black Lab/Akita mix! Fourth-year computer science major Matt Sutton reveals that this older gal has plenty of love to offer to just about everyone she meets.

Shyann was originally a Christmas present for Sutton and his brother 10 years ago, when she was just a little pup! Ever since joining the family, she has filled their lives with lots of love. The Lab/Akita mix was given the first part of her name “shy” due to being very shy when the family first brought her home, and the second part “ann” coming from Sutton’s mother’s middle name.

The Black Lab is a water dog which was bred in the United Kingdom from St. John’s water dogs. These dogs were imported from the colony of Newfoundland and were named after the Labrador region of that colony. Despite being part Black Lab, Shyann does not enjoy the water. In fact, Sutton shares that she is terrified of water. When he and his brother were staying at their grandma’s up in Michigan, they made the mistake of going out on the water in a row boat, much to Shyann’s dismay. She was so beside herself that she jumped in to try and rescue the brothers.

“She thought the boat was taking us away or something. So, she jumped into the water, which she is terrified of but could swim in just fine. As soon as she was in the water she regretted her decision, and my dad had to lift her up and out of the water,” Sutton said. A sweet gesture, nonetheless!

Shyann seems to have a history of looking out for her humans’ well-being, including Sutton’s grandma.

“One time my grandma was letting Shyann out to go to the bathroom, but the porch was icy and she slipped. Shyann stopped and waited to make sure she was ok,” Sutton said.

Though she doesn’t like water, Shyann loves to play in the snow! When she was a puppy, she would burrow under it and pop up like a rabbit. She is older now, so she doesn’t do much popping, but she still enjoys a good snow day. Perhaps she gets this from her Akita half! Akitas were originally hunting dogs bred in the mountains of northern Japan and sport a short double coat, perfectly suited for colder weather. They were also used as guarding dogs, which could explain her protective and friendly nature towards her family. However, she doesn’t seem to have inherited the desire to hunt any large animals, and much prefers to relax.

She also enjoys playing keep away, rather than fetch. Like so many dogs, she wants her humans to chase her, instead of her chasing the toy! Shyann gets along very well with other dogs and with people, but not so much with cats. Unfortunately, she was attacked by a stray cat when she was a young puppy, and the event caused her to not enjoy their company.

“Just about any other living thing she is friendly towards,” Sutton said.

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Shyann may not like water, but she sure does love snow! This fluffy girl is well equipped for colder weather.

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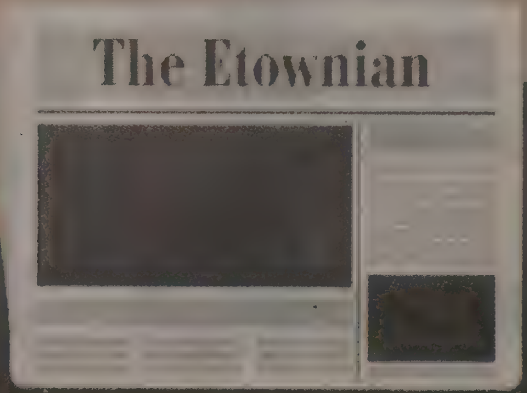

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March 2024

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Mar. 25-Apr. 5: Housing Selection for Returning Students

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Persian Cat Vintage Provides Fashion At Reasonable Prices

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As the weather is warming up, walking around downtown Elizabethtown and visiting the host of locally owned businesses lining the streets is a great way to spend a weekend or an afternoon. If you do, be sure to visit Persian Cat Vintage, a clothing and accessories shop located at 206 South Market Street, the same building as Whirligig Unique Boutique and EVO 206 Coffee Co.

Persian Cat Vintage was started by Benjamin Ilkhanoff, who started his business selling antiques online until he opened his shop in Elizabethtown about a month ago. The store operates from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The walls are filled with racks of clothes, ranging from various band t-shirts to sports jackets to vintage nightgowns. There are also shoes, some jewelry pieces, patches and other trinkets available. All of the items seem very reasonably priced, though many of the pieces don't have their prices listed directly on them so you may have to ask.

Ilkhanoff prides himself on making his products affordable, and even offers a 10 percent discount for both students and faculty at Etown as long as you bring your campus ID. He cited his understanding of the age-old college student dilemma of never having enough cash for his interest in keeping prices low.

He also expressed his passion for giving the inventory he's curated a new life, so

of their current style decades later. Plus, it's better for the environment, since they're avoiding a future in a landfill, and stores like Persian Cat Vintage give shoppers a choice to reject fast fashion and keep a culture of over-consumption at bay.

I recently went with my friend, and we both left satisfied with our finds. The shop featured a '70s and '80s rock-and-roll atmosphere, and there was a wide selection of pieces from the era. My friend ended up buying an iron-on patch with the logo for the band Ghost, whose music she really likes, for two dollars. I found a denim jacket with a wool lining for $40, and though I was deliberating on whether to buy it, I decided to go for it and went back after also visiting Whirligig.

The store is rather small right now, consisting of only one main area and a space to the side, but Ilkhanoff is constantly working on building up the collection. He also frequently rotates out the stock to keep things fresh.

While there, my friend and I spent some time browsing before we found the things we wanted to purchase, and Ilkhanoff made himself available for any potential questions about the items or their pricing. Once we were finished shopping, we stuck around for a conversation with him, during which he was friendly and enthusiastic about his shop and vintage items in general.

Overall, I had a great experience, and I'll likely return with some other friends to see what else might fit my style.

To learn more, visit the Persian Cat Vintage website at persiancatvintage.com or email Ilkhanoff at persiancatvintage@gmail.

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Visit Persian Cat Vintage to find something unique to add to your wardrobe and get 10% off with your student ID.

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Reverend Samuel Hoffer Hertzler ministered at the Church of the Brethren. In 1898, Hertzler said the town needed a well-managed school. On 6 March 1899, Hertzler, along with the rest of the location committee, met to determine the location of the college, which would eventually be Elizabethtown.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on the Samuel Hoffer by Gina Bongiovanni and Josh Albinil.

The Mystery of the Obra Dinn

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In 2018, a popular indie video game developer Lucas Pope released "Return of the Obra Dinn," a murder mystery game with a twist—there are 60 deaths to be investigated all at once. It is currently available for $20 on Steam, where it has incredibly good reviews.

The game is set in the year 1807. The Obra Dinn, a cargo ship manned by exactly 60 people on its outset, has suddenly returned to port without a single person left aboard after being missing for four years. You play from the first-person perspective of an investigator for the East India Company, trying to determine the fates of each character for insurance purposes.

You're given a pocket watch that has the ability to show the exact moment someone died when pointed at the body, and upon using it a short scene plays out that includes the dialogue leading up to the event as well as a still diorama of the death.

As the investigator, you have a book that is used to assign each passenger and crew member their correct fate from a list. The book gives other information like a glossary of naval terms, a map of the ship and basic information about each of the characters.

While it seems fairly straightforward, the task becomes increasingly difficult once you realize you don't know who any of the characters are. In addition to determining their fates, you have to pair the characters' appearances with their names and positions on the crew, based on minimal information.

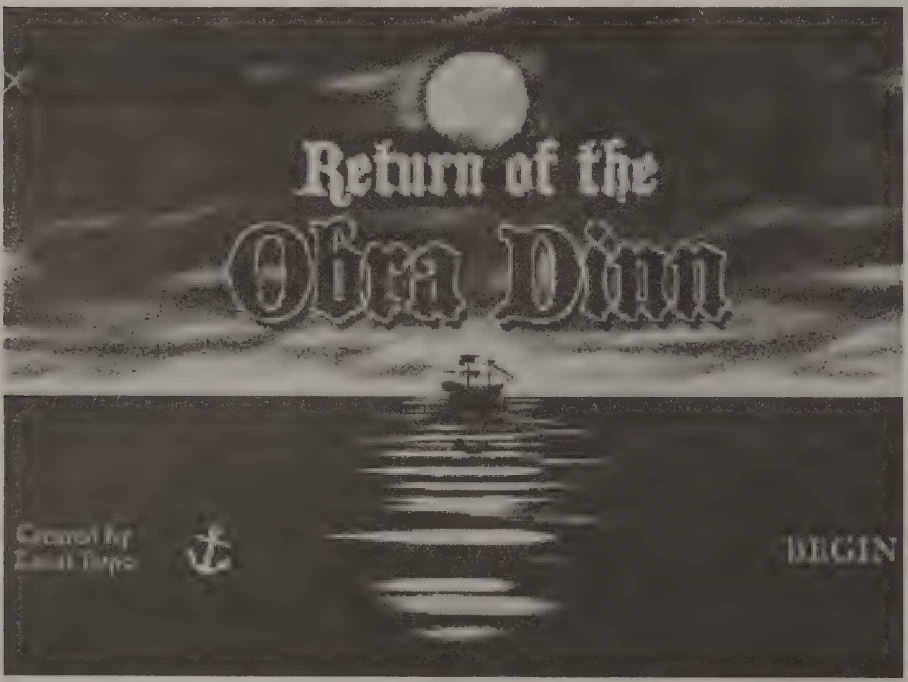
The first few fates are easy to solve, since they are an introduction to the verification mechanic (after matching three correct names and fates they are typeset into the book so you know for sure when you've solved them). But as the game progresses, characters may disappear without a trace, or be difficult to distinguish from other characters whose basic information match.

The game's plot is nonlinear, leaving the player to piece together the tragedies and mysteries of the Obra Dinn from scattered points throughout its journey. Various monster attacks, accidents and betrayals litter the ship's history.

I absolutely love the art style of the game. It has a really interesting stippled design that keeps the game from becoming too graphic but reads as more realistic than cartoonish. The soundtrack is also incredible; I occasionally listen to several of the tracks outside of the context of the game, especially the main menu theme.

The game does have some scenes that may be disturbing for certain players, such as giant spiders that may cause issues for someone with arachnophobia, so if you plan on giving it a try I would recommend looking up a list of content warnings just to be sure.

Personally, I found the game's challenge to be incredibly rewarding. I loved watching the plot and all its pieces fall into place!



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With twists and turns, puzzles and clues and an incredible soundtrack, "Return of the Obra Dinn" is a great game to dive into.

Etown Answers Cats or Dogs

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There is always one icebreaker debate that tends to spread tension across the room– a debate that divides friends. That debate is: which is better, cats or dogs? I have always been asked this as an icebreaker in any high school "get to know you" debate. It has split up my friends and I have also started slightly heated arguments in those classes. So I wanted to try and settle it. I asked around.

I started by doing a poll on my floor of my dorm building to get the general census of the people I live around. Cats won and they didn't just barely win. In fact, they won by a landslide. Cats more than double the votes given for dogs. So, my dorm floor believes that cats are the winner.

Another thing I considered was those who have more than one pet at home. Mostly because I think that many are biased to the pet they have at home– I know that I certainly am. But some share a home with both types of furry friends.

"No, it's not tough to choose. Cats are the clear choice," first year student Brooklyn Tarquado, who has both cats and dogs at home, said.

However, when I had asked some friends from my First-Year Seminar last semester, they disagreed with Torquado.

"Dogs!" Will Gaskins immediately said. Another former classmate of mine, Curtis Carvell, agreed."Dogs are man's best friend!" Carvell said.

Some of my other friends couldn't give a clear cut answer. Kassidy Maenner said, "Cats and dogs. I'm indecisive." Liz Wasylyk also said, "I also vote for cats and dogs." She then said if she absolutely had to choose she would go with dogs because of her allergy to cats.

I personally would have to vote for dogs because of my pet back home. I just know she would be upset if I said I liked cats more. Although I do agree that cats are great, like Wasylyk I also have a cat allergy. I do miss the few cats I had growing up before mostly having dogs. I also enjoy watching all the funny videos of cats overreacting on TikTok, but as I said before, I can't let my dog down. She has my whole heart, and therefore my vote goes against the grain of some of my friends and most of my dorm floor. But, as Carvell said, "dogs are man's best friend" and the right answer in my eyes.

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Which furry friend do you think takes the cake? The fantastic felines or the delightful dogs?

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Etown wrestling puts up strong showing in NCAA Championships

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Last week, the Elizabethtown College wrestling team traveled to La Crosse, Wis. for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Championships. The team took to the La Crosse Center for their matches on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, looking to cap off their strong seasons in a positive way.

Fourth-year Dylan Waller did just that for the Blue Jays. He came away with a sixth-place finish in the 285 weight class by the weekend's end, earning All-American honors for Etown. His run through the bracket saw him win two matchups to advance to the semifinals.

As the eight seed going into the day, Waller took down his opening round opponent in nail biting fashion. He'd earn a takedown in the waning seconds to win the match 4-3 and move on to face the top seed in his weight class. There, he'd earn the upset victory by way of pinfall, clinching a top six finish and a semifinal match. Unfortunately, Waller's run ended there. He would lose 4-2 in his semifinal matchup and in a match for fifth place, he'd lose 6-4. Still, Waller showed out in an impressive showing, proving to be one of the top wrestlers in his weight class.

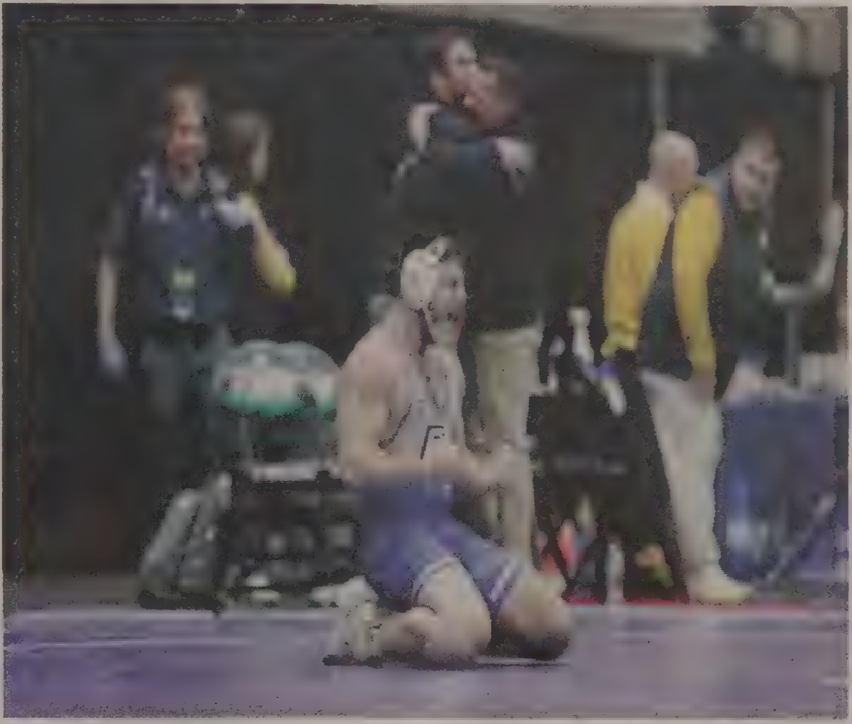
There were a few other student athletes that had the opportunity to make some noise in this year's NCAA Wrestling Championships. Graduate student Brian Schneider, second-year Ganon Smith and fourth-year Ethan Liptzin also competed in the tournament for the Blue Jays.

Schneider booked a trip to the quarterfinals in the 165 weight class, following a close win in the opening round that saw him taking the victory by a 10-9 decision. However, he'd fall in the quarterfinals 2-0 by decision.

For Smith, it was his first chance to compete in the NCAA Championships. After making the trip last year, the second-year was unable to compete due to an injury he suffered. This year, he notched a 10-6 win in the 174 weight class, also making it to the quarterfinals. However, his run would also end there by way of a 6-4 loss.

This was the first year Liptzin qualified for the Championships. While he was unable to capture a win, the wrestler for the 125 weight class had a successful season.

The NCAA Championships culminated a fantastic season for the Blue Jays. The team finished with an 11-1 record and added two wins in the Blue Jay Classic and Ken Ober Memorial Tournament. They've without a doubt proved to be one of the top teams in NCAA Division III wrestling this season.



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Etown finished this season with an 11-1 win after the NCAA Championships, which were held in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Blue Jays baseball drops series to Scranton in home opener

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Photo courtesy of Emma Mesko, Elizabethtown College Athletics

After their strong performance against Scranton University, the Blue Jays will head out from their home turf to take on the Cardinals.

The Blue Jays (7-4) baseball team hosted the Scranton University Royals (6-2) for the first at-home games of the season. On Saturday, March 16 the first game of the series was played followed by a doubleheader on Sunday.

In the first game of the series, the Blue Jays lost 5-4 despite leading in a few innings during the game. The Royals scored three runs in the first inning. The Blue Jays responded and tied the game in the third inning with two scoring singles by second-year Alex Perrin and fourth-year Garrett Schwartzbeck. The Blue Jays took the lead in the sixth with another scoring single by Schwartzbeck. Blue Jays starting pitcher third-year Greg Zerbe allowed three runs. The Royals, however, scored in the eighth and ninth innings and took the series' first game.

The Royals took the second game of the series on Sunday, March 17 in the morning, in a game that lasted for 3 hours and 18 minutes. They beat the Blue Jays 10-6. The Blue Jays took the lead in the second inning with a sacrifice fly by fourth-year A.J. Bednar. The Royals took the lead in the second inning. Blue Jays starting pitcher first-year Joey Smith allowed five runs in the game.

In the eighth inning, the Royals were able to score five runs while the bases were loaded. The Blue Jays scored two runs in the eighth inning. Second-years Mason Woolwine and David Woolley both hit triples to drive in the runs.

The Blue Jays had a commanding victory in the second game of the doubleheader and the final game of the series to avoid the sweep by the Royals. The Blue Jays won 14-4. The Royals took the lead in the first, but second-years Alex McClain and Quinten Perilli homered in the third to take over the lead. The Blue Jays scored three more runs in the third with a single by fourth-year Bryce Keller with the bases loaded and a ground out by Perrin brought in another run. Blue Jays pitcher third-year Kyle Mulville allowed the only four runs scored by the Royals in his start.

The Blue Jays scored five runs in the eighth inning to seal the victory over the Royals. The Blue Jays' scoring started with a solo home run by second-year Chance Montgomery. Then Woolwine scored on a wild pitch, followed by Keller's three-run home run. This sealed the victory for the Blue Jays. The Blue Jays record improved to 8-6 after the series ended. The Blue Jays next game is away, facing the Catholic University Cardinals on March 19.

NFL Midseason Review

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The National Football League (NFL) free agency period is always a wild one and this year didn't disappoint. From starting quarterbacks finding new homes, to running backs changing the landscapes of NFL rosters, to players suiting up for rival teams this free agency period has really had it all.

Former Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins made headlines by signing a four-year $180 million contract with the Atlanta Falcons to kick off free agency frenzy. While coming off an Achilles tear, the 36-year-old quarterback has proven that he's still one of the better signal callers in the league. With playmakers at his disposal like running back Bijan Robinson, wide receiver Drake London and tight end Kyle Pitts, the Falcons hope Cousins will help the team turn the corner into playoff contention.

Cousins wasn't the only starting quarterback to land with a new team this offseason. After being traded for several high draft picks, former Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson was cut from Denver earlier this month. This ended a disappointing tenure that saw the Broncos miss the playoffs in both seasons of the Wilson era. As Wilson departs the Mile City, he now finds himself in Steel City with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he'll don the black and gold. With a fresh start, the nine-time pro bowler is looking to turn his career back in the right direction.

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Several prominent NFL players have ended up on new teams throughout the season.

The running back carousel the past few weeks is what made this free agency so unpredictable. Many running backs have left the teams they've long made their marks for. Saquon Barkley, Josh Jacobs, Aaron Jones, Derrick Henry, Austin Ekeler, D'Andre Swift and Tony Pollard have all found new homes– and that's just naming the top guys. The running back position is seen as one that's dying out, so teams opting to move on from their franchise backs isn't that surprising. However, these names still have plenty of talent left to make an impact in the league and on their new franchises.

Loyalty is seemingly gone in this league. Once a player is out the door, there's no telling where they might sign. The teams they've once hated might be signing their next paychecks. That couldn't be truer in this year's free-agent cycle. Barkley is one of the most notable names. The writing was on the wall for the former New York Giants running back. Everyone knew he was on his way out, but signing with the Philadelphia Eagles may have been one of the last things Giants fans were prepared for, as he creates one of the more exciting offenses in the league.

Former Packers back Jones was cut after Green Bay signed Jacobs. The two couldn't come to an agreement in contract negotiations so the team made the tough decision to cut the franchise cornerstone. Once he became a free agent, the rival Minnesota Vikings jumped at the opportunity, signing him to a one-year seven-million-dollar contract. It'll be a brand-new cast of characters in the Vikings backfield, as they land a new feature back and search for their next quarterback.

Ever since the Baltimore Ravens drafted linebacker Patrick Queen back in 2020, he's played with the passion of a Raven. That's what made it so difficult when the team let him enter free agency. Queen signing with their heated rival has made it an even tougher pill to swallow. The 2023 second-team all-pro inked a $41 million contract with the Steelers to become the face of the team's linebacker group. These types of signings make some of the NFL's greatest rivalries even more heated, and eyes will be glued to screens when these players take on their former teams.

With so many players trading in their old helmets for new ones, it's been tough to keep track of the changes around the league. There's one thing for certain though — the impact of these signings will have a lasting effect on team's this upcoming season, as franchises look to make the necessary changes to solidify them as Super Bowl contenders.

Video Game Review: Duelists of Eden

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Genre shifts often lead to utterly confusing releases. Franchises can take their well-known gameplay and throw it out for something different like "Final Fantasy", confusingly replicating "Devil May Cry"-style combat and the "Sonic" franchise's persistent identity crisis. However, sometimes a genre shift allows the mechanics and style of prior releases to flourish in new and exciting ways. "Duelists of Eden" accomplishes this, as it constructs an excellent fighting game off the mechanics and gameplay of its brilliantly crafted, rogue-like predecessor.

"Duelists of Eden" takes the numerous spells of "One Step From Eden" — the first game's strongest aspect — and decides to give players full access to every single one. Whereas spells provide replayability and randomness in One Step's rogue-like gameplay, Duelists gains variation and adaptability by letting players put together whatever combination of 8-to-10 spells their heart desires. Deck-building in Duelists feels akin to developing party members in RPGs like "Octopath Traveler"; the game provides all the tools needed to create absurdly powerful strategies.

Although Duelists builds heavily on One Step, it doesn't quite play like its predecessor. Combat still features 4-by-4 grids and a pool of mana that restricts spell-casting frequency, but Duelists introduces several new actions to increase gameplay depth. Amassing shields and attempts to evade enemy fire are replaced with dedicated block-and-dodge buttons, and each character now features two unique attacks. These mechanics allow the combat to feel less like back-and-forth slap fights and more like the brutally fast-paced bouts seen in mainstream fighting games.

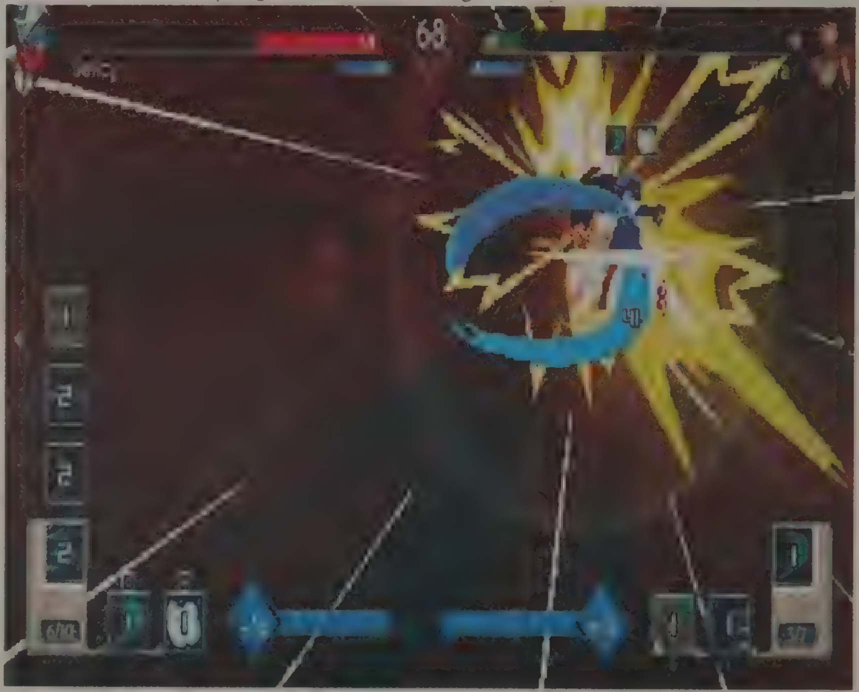
The unique attacks not only make every character distinctive, but also allow the crossover characters to feel livelier. The attacks that these guest stars bring to gameplay work just as someone familiar with their origins would expect them to, but none of them feel like they got haphazardly dropped into Duelists. At the risk of sounding vapid, Queen—from "Quantum Protocol"—plays like how I'd expect her original game to function if it was placed into One Step-style combat.

Additionally, none of the characters feel restricted by their unique attacks. Neera's attacks encourage builds involving frost damage, but a frost deck with Selicy feels just as effective. Queen and Hazel revolve around building structures, but one can use a deck building off these attacks or a deck with spells that work in conjunction with these attacks. The only thing preventing a deck from being effective in combat is how effectively one can develop synergy between their play style, spells and character.

It's important to note that Duelists is undergoing some refinement and polishing. While the main game seems free from critical issues, one will inevitably notice the occasional minor hiccup. It's a game still in progress, albeit one that feels close to completion. However, "Duelists of Eden"- to the extent of my knowledge- was mostly programmed by a single person. The state the game launched in and the fervor and speed with which the developer fixes problems is nothing short of miraculous and impressive!

Speaking of the Gauntlet Mode… It's just okay. A lackluster single-player mode in a game primarily concerned with online multiplayer does not make the overall experience terrible. However, Gauntlet Mode lacks the panache seen from other fighting game single-player modes like Classic Mode from "Super Smash Bros", and the overall dryness of Gauntlet Mode feels odd. Thanfully, any awkwardness derived from Gauntlet Mode quickly washes away due to the quality of the gameplay.

All in all, I give "Duelists of Eden" a tentative 9 out of 10 —which may become a 10 out of 10 as the game progresses and my thoughts have more time to digest — and I highly recommend it for its cheap $5 price tag!



Screenshot of gameplay courtesy of Neil Divins

Duelists of Eden twists the gameplay formula of its predecessor into a fantastically chaotic online fighting game.

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The Rise of the Rejects and Jack Tim's Comeback

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ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa.- The Rink Rejects took the ice for the first time in November, with more than 50 classmates and friends watching. For junior biomedical engineering major Jack Tim, the moment was about more than just an ice hockey game.

In 2019, Tim was in a nearly fatal ATV crash. Now he is the creator and captain of the Elizabethtown Rink Rejects, a community-based ice hockey team primarily composed of students from Elizabethtown College.

The crash happened on a back road in Tim's hometown of Bradford, Pa. Tim was 15 at the time, and returning from a local convenience store when the snow plow on the front of his ATV caught on a dirt mound. He was thrown off of his ATV, flying 28 feet forward and 20 feet down off the road into a ravine. On the way down, he collided headfirst into a tree. For 30 minutes, Tim lay in the snow without anyone coming to his aid, with his family unaware and multiple hours away at his brother's hockey tournament. Finally, a motorist saw him lying in the woods, and he was then medically evacuated by a helicopter to Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo, New York.

"The first 72 hours they thought I was going to die," Tim said. "They didn't think I would pull through because I lost so much blood and all the injuries to the brain."

Tim broke his pelvis, skull, eight bones, lacerated his spleen, punctured a lung and suffered from the highest grade of traumatic brain injury, among other serious injuries. "His survival was first on our minds," Tim's father, John Tim said.

"I had to relearn how to walk, talk and eat," Tim said.

By the beginning of April, he returned home to begin adapting to his new normal. "It's awesome to see him succeed after his injuries," Tim's friend, Gavin Dach said. "The fact that he was able to make a full recovery is nothing short of a miracle."

Even though life returned to a form of normalcy, Tim was unable to return to the game he loved — ice hockey. "It sucked watching my buddies get to play, and I had to watch from behind the glass," Tim said.

Instead, he pursued his passion for ice hockey through coaching and refereeing during high school and his early college years, but he was not able to harness his full potential on the ice as a left wing. Everything changed when he transferred to Etown at the beginning of his junior year.

Tim brought his passion for ice hockey to the campus of Etown by

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Upcoming Social Justice Fair Offers Learning Opportunities

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Etown students are coming together to teach and promote social justice.

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PRIDE acts as a fundamental aspect of social justice, as within the idea of social justice is equal opportunity and equity for people no matter any aspect of their identity, listening to those who have been marginalized and including intersectionality as a framework for every issue.

"The Social Justice Fair is such an important event, as it provides an open space for all individuals to come together and learn from one another. Advocacy starts with education and awareness, which will be the focal points of this event. With the upcoming Etown Does PRIDE celebration, positivity and understanding should be at the

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The High Library Holds "Blind Date with a Book" Event

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With Valentine's Day and the cold month of February in the rearview mirror, it seems the energy behind the holiday hasn't yet been forgotten by one building on campus. The High Library is an integral heart of campus, and its consistent beating and resources to students, faculty and staff alike are invaluable. While they are constantly offered, some may not be fully aware of all that the coveted building has to offer. From research assistance to study rooms, the Library really has a lot of resources, but it should not be forgotten that literature and books may be one of the most valuable ones. Moreover, the building is a great place to gather and socialize, to play board games and destress.

"[The library is a] neat place, good for shenanigans and tomfoolery," first-year biochemistry major Camydn Buohl said. So, in an effort to introduce not only books but also library staff to students, the High Library formulated an interactive exhibit it calls "Blind Date With A Book."

So what is "Blind Date With A Book?" To put it simply, this event and ongoing exhibit is a way for students to become more connected with literature and their librarians and library staff.

Courtesy of Thatcher Baney

Librarian reccomendations help students choose books.

Each book boasts a recommendation from a staff member, and adjacent to the books representing each staff member is a short biography of the person and some of their interests. Some of the books are wrapped, so as to not reveal any major details and to prevent any prejudice against them — going back to the old adage of not judging a book by its cover. All wrapped books have an attached book biography to see if you and the book are a good match. From genre to more interesting details of the book, such as one book with so-called "Daddy Issues", these book bios boast quite a variety.

But what if books aren't your fancy? Well, the library has you covered. The library is not just a place for last-minute papers and crunch-

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

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NASA is getting ready to conduct their first manned test flight of their new Starliner line of spacecraft this May.

Veteran astronauts Commander Barry Wilmore and Pilot Suni Williams will be the first to test pilot the craft. According to Commander Wilmore, the launch will charter them to the International Space Station (ISS) on May 1 at the latest. This is coming after last year's delay for the launch over reported safety concerns.

"Bringing along our second human rating vehicle in the period of four years has been a tremendous honor for our commercial crew team and a tremendous challenge of just getting through all the work to get these two spacecraft, Dragon and Starliner, flying," NASA Program Manager Steve Stich said in a press conference for the upcoming launch.

According to Stich, the results of this flight could make or break the possibility for a future manned launch of the Starliner for November 2024.

A collaborative effort between NASA and the Boeing company as part of the former's Commercial Crew Program, the Crew Space Transportation (CST)-100 Starliner was designed to ferry a crew of up to seven people for missions to a low-Earth orbit. According to Mark Nappi, Boeing Vice President and the manager for the Starliner program, the company is looking to prioritize their contract with NASA over implementing the craft for commercial or tourist usage.

According to Boeing, the CST-100 Starliner's streamlined design was designed to incorporate tried-and-true architectural design and subsystem technologies with the innovations and improvements made in aeronautic design this century. It is stated to incorporate a new weldless design meant to circumvent structural risks associated with welding, reduce its mass and streamline production.

This upcoming launch is meant to cap off a development cycle that has gone on since the failed unmanned launch of a prototype model back in 2019 to the ISS. The craft itself was safely recovered and returned to Earth. It was reported by NASA staff at the time that too much fuel had been burnt during the test launch, prompting a lengthy series of revisions for Boeing to make before the proper launch this May. Despite this, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine stated that the error would not have resulted in any injuries or fatalities were it to have been a manned test flight.

The next unmanned test in 2021 was also met with setbacks, as the shuttle itself failed to launch due to stuck valves on the spacecraft.

Despite this earlier—and costly—series of setbacks, a successful launch of an unmanned Starliner was accomplished in October 2022, successfully managing to dock with the ISS, showing a significant level of progression from their earlier efforts. These delays have caused the company significant financial loss in their attempt to play catchup with rival company SpaceX, resulting in an estimated $883 million dollar loss over the past few years.

Still, NASA and Boeing staff are looking to this upcoming launch with optimism, eager to open a new chapter in the world of aerospace travel.

Courtesy of NASA via Wikimedia Commons

Boeing company deployed CST Starliner to prove flying capabilities.

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Learn about PRIDE at the Social Justice Fair

forefront of the campus community; therefore, the Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) looks forward to tabling at the fair," Alysse Smith, second-year student and GSA president, said.

Clubs and community groups will be tabling at the event from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to expand upon their social justice efforts and provide resources to the campus community.

One of the newest additions is the inclusion of concurrent sessions of speakers from noteworthy people on campus and off campus; this year, the first session will be from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. and the second session from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Each individual and organization will be providing specific sessions relating to the tenets of social justice and their own missions and experiences. For specific information about each of the events, students can find the titles of each of the sessions on Etown's Office of Title IX's instagram.

"My topic will focus on capitalism and colonialism, treating them both as social justice issues. My topic will also bring forth scholars' bell hooks, W.E.B . Dubois and Amilcar Cabral. As we begin to think about colonialism and colonization and its structural inequity, how then can we heal from these processes in an engaged and informed way?" Eugene Thomas, assistant director of the Learning Zone, said.

"My primary focus will be Black, Latinx and Asian Americans' experience in the U.S. following recent issues like police brutality and murders, slander regarding immigrants and being responsible for the COVID outbreak. This will be more of an open discussion with psychoeducation," Jihan Tyler-Owens, previous fair attendee and Etown lecturer of psychology, said.

Another option is commUNITY circles where students will break into guided discussion related to the tenets that they have interest in.

There is also an opportunity from Nichole Gonzalez, director of Title IX/Compliance Programs and Intercultural Affairs, for Safe Zone Training, which allows people to have greater LGBTQ+ awareness and become better allies for their LGBTQ+ friends and community members.Those who attend will get regalia recognizing their efforts and signaling them as a safe space.

"Participants can expect to see a transformative and inclusive space where the principles of peace, non-violence, social justice and human dignity converge to inspire lasting change. From workshops, to the resource fair to the community circles, free haircuts and live music we have something for everyone," Gabrielle Reed, Title IX coordinator and creator of the social justice fair, said.

The Social Justice Fair is a great experience for people who are looking to expand upon their knowledge of today's social issues.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

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U.S. House District 10 comprises Dauphin, Cumberland and the northern half of York county. It is a Republican leaning district currently held by incumbent Scott Perry. This race is expected to feature a tight margin, and Democrats hope to select a competitive candidate to flip the seat for Democrats this November. Six Democrats are campaigning for the April 23 primary, and the winner will take on Perry in the fall.

Returning Democratic challenger Shamaine Daniels ran an unsuccessful campaign two years ago, losing to Perry by just 20,000 votes. According to Daniels, her unsuccessful 2022 campaign lacked enough state party support to be successful. Daniels and her family emigrated to the United States from Venezuela when she was only 13. She went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in sociology from West Chester University, a graduate degree in women's studies and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati. Daniels is currently an at-large member of the Harrisburg City Council. She received national attention last year for her controversial use of AI generated robocalls to serve as virtual phone bank volunteers to contact constituents and log issues that are important to them. Traditionally, these volunteers are some of the most important members of a campaign, as they keep candidates in touch with the voters.

John Broadhurst, a local business owner, originally hails from Delaware County and worked in the trucking industry after graduating from Villanova University in the early 1990s. During the 1990s and 2000s, Broadhurst worked as a business consultant in China and Europe. Broadhurst has promised to bring a constituent-focused grass roots attitude to the office and has argued that he will pursue problem-solving Congressional progress in Washington D.C. and help renew America's "can do" spirit.

Returning candidate Rick Coplen is a retired member of the U.S. Army who has promised to reach across the political aisle and effectively cooperate to achieve progress on issues in which both Republicans and Democrats care about. Since his retirement from military service, Coplen has taught at various institutions including the U.S. Army War College, West Point and even our very own Elizabethtown College. Coplen currently serves on the Carlisle Area School District School Board. In his last run for District 10, Coplen lost narrowly to Daniels in the 2022 Democratic Primary. Daniels drew most of her support from Dauphin County urban voters, while Carlisle resident Rick Coplen performed best in Cumberland County. As a centrist Democrat, Coplen stands the best chance of attracting independent voters in the general election.

Blake Lynch is a native of Steelton and grew up in a single parent household. He graduated from Messiah College and has worked as the Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg, and has previously held the positions of Director of Community Relations & Engagement for the City of Harrisburg, Director of Communications for Harrisburg city Police and former executive of WITF, a public radio station in the Harrisburg region. Lynch has promised to tackle working class issues such as mitigating inflation and adequate funding for public schools. Lynch and Daniels are the only candidates of color in the race.

Mike O'Brien is a former Top Gun fighter pilot for the U.S. Marines and has a master's in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Similar to Coplen, O'Brien has promised to engage in bipartisanship and to move America away from partisan gridlock.

Finally, Janelle Stelson, a well known TV personality and former broadcaster for WGAL, has entered the race promising to prioritize women's rights first and foremost. Stelson sparked controversy when she acknowledged that she was a registered Republican prior to February 2023. Stelson explained that her parents were registered Republicans and she felt family pressure to register the way her parents had even though she has voted straight Democratic since at least 2008. Stelson's recognition in the district will be hard to overcome for potential challengers and give her a potential advantage in the fall general election against Perry. In terms of positions on the issues, all the candidates support the restoration of abortion rights guaranteed under Roe v. Wade, an issue which is again expected to be an important factor in the 2024 elections.

According to Ballotpedia, Daniels, Stelson and Coplen support a $15-dollar federal minimum wage, O'Brien supports a wage tied to inflation, while Lynch and Broadhurst argue that the minimum wage should be increased to a livable wage. O'Brien and Lynch are the only two candidates who do not support a federal assault weapons ban, though both want to see more restrictions placed on assault weapons.

Jack Tim Leads the Rink Rejects

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[illegible] the Elizabethtown Rink Rejects. "It was a very grassroots beginning," Rink Rejects goalie Elijah Wagner said. "I was sitting in the fabrication lab when Jack asked me if I wanted to play hockey."

Most players on the team are engineering students at Etown.

"It took me three days to get 15 boys," Tim said, as the deadline for entry to the ice hockey league was quickly approaching. Even though the team was denied the opportunity to become an official club team at the College, the notoriety of the Rink Rejects spread quickly around campus.

"Jack is a great team leader because he is very positive...' he is also good because he has experience as a coach, so he can work with players at many different skill levels and he also knows how to have fun," Wagner said.

Courtesy of Jack Tim

Tim defied the odds by becoming a star athlete

"To be able to pursue playing hockey again is an unbelievable experience," Tim said. "I didn't even think it would work out, but we have a whole team of guys and a manager."

After his nearly fatal and life altering crash five years ago, Tim has the ultimate comeback. His passion for ice hockey now continues with the Rink Rejects, sharing it with his fellow teammates and the students of Etown.

Go on a "Blind Date" at the Library

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time studying, but also a place for leisure and relaxation. Some of the wrapped items are things like board and card games, still with the same purpose in mind of being sure to prevent any bias based on a cover or any long lists of rules a game may bring with it.

The exhibit is located in the Idea lab, tucked in the main level of the High Library, a place of free thought and expression used by many on Etown's campus. To navigate there, simply walk up the heated middle steps of the High Library and march straight to the back, just to the right of the staircase. If you have any trouble finding the exhibit, you may also find any librarian or student worker to help you in your conquest.

Upon entering the room, you will be greeted by a literature extravaganza, colorful pink streamers and hearts every which way. From this room, like many other rooms around the library, you will also be provided a very unique perspective of the campus unlike any other.

So, as the months turn into weeks till the end of the semester here at Etown, this writer has one tip for you. Take time to slow down and sit back. Whether you find relief in a good book from our very own High Library or a solid nap, take the time. You won't regret it!

Courtesy of Thatcher Baney

You might meet your new favorite book at the High Library.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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With wars, bombings, ecological threats and celebrities and royalties' drama, it seems that recently we are seeing more and more bad news. It's understandable if it is a lot to deal with at once and everyone needs some good news every now and again.

In the United Kingdom's city of Liverpool, there is a plan to build a multibillion-dollar dam between the Irish Sea and a tidal basin. This dam is planned to generate clean, hydroelectric power to an estimated 1 million houses, essentially the whole city of Liverpool, for 120 years. The plan is currently in stage three of concept development and is about to enter the formal planning stage. Along with the clean energy this dam would provide for the entire city, the top of the dam would also act as a causeway including green spaces and bike paths. It would act as a pathway between Liverpool and the Wirral Peninsula.

Jumping to eastern Europe now, a group of scientists have been using worms found around Chernobyl to better understand cancer in humans. Researchers have found that certain kinds of worms have lived there without any radiation damage to their genomes. The idea was then raised that humans could study these worms, who go through evolution in seconds, to find out why some humans have a genetic predisposition to getting cancer while some do not. After capturing a few different samples of these worms, they were transported home to New York where they were studied closer. The researchers were then surprised to find out there was no radiation damage to the worms. The team then created a system to generate the next few generations of these worms to see how well they can withstand radiation damage. After seeing that they all took the radiation the same, they were able to determine that the location has no effect on the amount of radiation one can take compared to another. This all enables these scientists to look into the different strains of worms and see which are more sensitive to DNA damage compared to others. In turn, this can then be applied to humans, and we will potentially be able to determine the causes and risk factors of each individual to best avoid getting cancer.

Jumping again, this time to the Japanese city of Kyoto, where the city has passed a new law to help protect one of their most culturally significant groups. The geisha are Japanese women who practice traditional activities like signing, playing instruments and serving tea to guests. They are entertainers, they are no strangers to being photographed without permission and even harassed to get a picture. To combat this, the city has passed a new law invoking a fine of around $67 USD for any unsolicited photo taken in the city. This has mainly been enforced by the citizens of the city in a citizen's arrest when they witness a situation going down.

From new efforts into a cleaner earth, to steps forward in cancer research and new laws protecting human rights, hopefully this has helped reveal a brighter side to the news and your day.

Business Buzz

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In today's fast-paced digital landscape, businesses are increasingly turning to artificial intelligence (AI) to revolutionize their marketing strategies. From personalized customer experiences to predictive analytics and automated campaign management, AI is reshaping the marketing sphere in profound ways, unlocking new opportunities for businesses to engage with their audiences and drive growth.

One of the most significant ways AI is transforming marketing is through personalized customer experiences. AI-powered algorithms analyze vast amounts of customer data, including browsing history, purchase behavior and demographic information to create highly targeted and relevant messaging. By delivering personalized content, product recommendations and offers, businesses can enhance customer engagement, increase conversion rates and foster long-term loyalty.

Automation is another key area where AI is transforming marketing operations. AI-powered platforms automate various aspects of campaign management, including ad targeting, content optimization and media buying. By leveraging machine learning algorithms, platforms can analyze campaign performance data in real time and adjust targeting parameters and budgets dynamically to maximize return on investment (ROI) and efficiency.

AI-driven predictive analytics tools empower marketers to anticipate customer behavior, forecast trends and optimize marketing strategies with unprecedented accuracy. By analyzing historical data and identifying patterns, AI algorithms can provide valuable insights into customer preferences, market dynamics and competitive trends. Armed with these insights, marketers can make data-driven decisions, allocate resources effectively and stay ahead of the competition in today's fast-paced digital marketplace.

Chatbots and virtual assistants are revolutionizing customer service and support in the digital age. These intelligent conversational interfaces can quickly respond to customer inquiries, resolve issues and facilitate transactions in real time. By providing instant support across digital channels, chatbots and virtual assistants enhance customer satisfaction, streamline operations and reduce support costs for businesses.

While artificial intelligence (AI) presents numerous opportunities for revolutionizing marketing practices, it also poses significant threats to marketing professionals. One of the primary concerns is the potential displacement of jobs as AI-powered automation tools increasingly streamline and optimize marketing processes. Tasks that were once performed manually, such as data analysis, content creation and campaign management, can now be automated with greater efficiency and accuracy, potentially reducing the need for human intervention.

Additionally, the rise of AI-driven analytics and predictive modeling may diminish the role of marketing professionals in decision-making processes, as algorithms become increasingly adept at identifying trends, forecasting outcomes and optimizing strategies. There is also a risk of over-reliance on AI technology, leading to a loss of creativity and human intuition in marketing campaigns. As AI continues to advance, marketing professionals must adapt by developing new skills, embracing collaboration with AI systems and leveraging their unique insights and expertise to add value in an increasingly automated landscape.

AI is fundamentally transforming the marketing sphere in the digital age, empowering businesses to deliver personalized experiences, optimize marketing strategies and drive growth with unprecedented efficiency and effectiveness. As AI continues to evolve and mature, businesses that embrace this technology while balancing the threats that AI may pose to employees will gain a competitive edge and thrive in today's increasingly data-driven and customer-centric marketplace.

Etown gives back to the community on Day of Service

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Students, faculty, staff and community members who signed up this year participated in packing meals for refugees. This activity was in partnership with Unto, a humanitarian aid nonprofit organization.

Elizabethtown College held their annual spring Day of Service on March 22. The event, which was from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., involved various volunteering activities aimed at giving back to the community. The Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) coordinated the Day of Service, giving the students several opportunities to spend time in their local community. The CCCE works with the Center for Global Understanding and Peacebuilding, Student Assembly, PSECU, Etown's School of Public Service and the Etown Social Work Department.

To account for students' class schedules, the CCCE provided the option to sign up for up to four different shifts, each 75 minutes long. Students, faculty, staff and community members who signed up this year participated in packing meals for refugees. This activity was in partnership with Unto, a humanitarian aid nonprofit organization. Unto's mission is providing food and agriculture, clean and safe water and other forms of aid for people in need around the world.

The goal for this year was to match or exceed 47,000 meals packed for refugee families. Etown has set and exceeded similar goals in past Day of Service events. In 2023, Etown's community worked together to make 200 blankets that were given to the James Biever Police-Community Alliance with the purpose of comforting children that are being transported in police cars. The CCCE also partnered with Unto in 2023, Church World Service, Bethesda Mission and the Joshua Group to provide 1,500 school supply kits. A total of 230 people participated, exemplifying the College's motto of "Educate for Service."

Volunteers were given the option to participate in either on-campus or off-campus projects. Some of the places that volunteers were asked to go to are the Millersville Migrant Education Center, Girls on the Run, Team River Runner, Habitat for Humanity's Lancaster build site, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Winters Heritage House Museum and the Etown Historical Society. Later on that day, students were also given the option to travel to Community Cupboard, Juniper Village, the Latino Hispanic American Community Center and the Spanish-American Civic Association.

In 2022, Etown's community set and achieved a goal of packing more than 46,000 rice and lentil meals that were sent to refugee families experiencing food insecurity. The College partnered with Unto to make achieving this goal a reality. 232 people participated, with each person involved providing 198 meals from 75-minute packing sessions. Each box, which consists of 144 meals, fed a family of five a meal a day for a month. This means that 68 families will be provided with one meal a day for a month as a result of Etown's Day of Service.

"It is so rewarding to assist with programs that are meaningful and beneficial to community partners," Javita Thompson told Etown News. "Our Educate for Service motto is an opportunity for the CCCE to provide collaborative and meaningful connection service for our students, faculty, staff and the community."

Thompson has transformed Etown's community outreach. The work she has done mirrors her background, which is rooted in public service. Thompson was a nontraditional student, going back to school after having two children. She earned her undergraduate degree in communications and then went on to earn

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Students are encouraged to get in touch with the CCCE throughout the year and inquire about volunteering opportunities.

Students participate in Day of Service

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a masters in emergency management from Millersville University. Thompson's expertise comes from her time in Millersville University, where she was a graduate assistant for the University's Experiential Learning and Career Management. During her time at the University, Thompson oversaw the University's volunteering services.

"It was all things volunteer, and it was supposed to be a pit stop while I was getting my degree," Thompson said last year. "I found that I could get fulfillment helping people in higher education, and 10 years later I'm here doing volunteering, service learning organizations and connecting community involvement with the College."

Students are encouraged to get in touch with the CCCE throughout the year and inquire about volunteering opportunities. The CCCE keeps a strong network of volunteering organizations and are always looking for ways to further the College's connection to the local community and beyond.

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A unique hurdle: condition causes runner to collapse after each race

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Elizabethtown College first-year Kate Bendall is unlike any other Blue Jay.

She is running with her heart on the opposite side of her body.

She has a medical condition called Dextrocardia that caused her lung to not grow properly on the right side of her body. That lung is significantly smaller because that space is replaced by her heart.

Competing at such a high level comes with consequences. Bendall said she will pass out after races, in practice or on an average day training. Any run over half a mile is a risk. As such. the longer the distance, the more that risk increases.

Growing up, Bendall said her doctors requested that she not play sports. But, Bendall didn't listen.

"Whatever my body can give, I'll do," Bendall said.

She started track when she was a freshman in high school. She continued to pursue the sport at the College because she did not want to give up.

"I wasn't supposed to do it, [so] why should I stop now?" Bendall said.

In this past 2023-2024 winter track season, Bendall has made Etown's top 10 in history for all three of her events. She is ranked fourth in triple jump, third in the long jump and second in hurdles.

This would not have been possible without the help of first-year thrower Joey Walko.

After each event, Walko must catch Bendall in his arms. Bendall said she cannot hear once she stops running, and her body will go numb before ultimately passing out.

"Sometimes, I have to carry her to her next event, and I always make sure to give her water," Walko said. "Kate amazes me that she can achieve what she does. Her mental aspect and belief in her own ability is what puts her at a different level."

The runner and thrower have been friends since long before the track season.

"There is a different type of connection with someone when you are a part of the same team," Walko said. "It's more of a family aspect. Kate and I have definitely gotten a lot closer because of this sport."

The bond between Bendall and Walko is crucial to her athletic performance.

"I would do anything to keep my teammates safe," Walko said. "Kate and I have a trustworthy relationship and she knows I won't let her not be okay."

It is Walko and her other teammates that Bendall said gives her the strength to compete. She has come to trust them entirely.

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"Being around people who know what to do and understand how to take care of me is what gets me through my races," Bendall said.

Bendall has made numerous friendships on the team. First-year runners Kathrine Hartman and Alexandra Meyerhoff are both aware of Bendall's condition and know what to do when she passes out.

"I would not race if I did not have the support of my team," Bendall said.

"Kate pushes me harder as an athlete," Hartman said. "I appreciate her as a person and what she does never goes unrecognized."

"Kate always pushes me to do my best and from understanding how she operates, we have grown a stronger connection outside of the running world," Meyerhoff said. "She is one of my best friends at Etown."

The first-year with her heart on the opposite side of her body and a compacted lung is on track to break records at Etown this upcoming spring season.

"I do not want people to pity me because I passed out," Bendall said. "I want you to be proud of me that I got up."

International student services provides new modifications, programs

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Photo Courtsey Elizabethtown College International Students Office

Petty aims to build a community of international students by holding several events a semester to promote a sense of belonging and inclusion on Etown's campus.

Elizabethtown College recently approved course and language modifications to help non-native English speakers in the classroom. Information was sent out on Feb. 13 about the program to international students by Maria Petty, the international student programs advisor.

The modification can provide extended time to submit tests, as well as access to faculty-approved materials like translation services and other modifications.

"A lot of times, students can get graded on English comprehension rather than subject matter," Petty said. "To understand the context of a question, you don't have to just understand every single word, but all of them together."

Many non-native English speakers, especially international students, are more than just bilingual and know three to four languages. That makes it harder to process lessons in English, especially if students are trying to take notes during a fast-paced lecture.

The idea to support non-native English speakers began before Petty arrived at Etown in June of 2022. Non-native English speakers were asking the College's Disability Services office for extended time for language processing.

Since language processing does not fall under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Disability Services could not help students.

"Non-native English speakers just have different needs than students with or without disabilities," Petty said. "When you're listening to another language that's not your own, in your head you're processing that back into your native language, and then processing your answer and responses back into English, which takes quite a long time to process even if you're fluent."

It's not all about language though. Different cultures, especially for international students, influence understanding of classroom functions and how to interact with peers during class.

"When we talk about group work, a native-English student may know what that means, and how to divide the assignment and how to communicate, but in other cultures it can be more about the group," Petty said. "So, sometimes international students struggle with what group work means."

By working with Petty and professors, students can have a better overall classroom experience and process their course materials.

Petty was asked by the previous Associate Provost for Student Learning and Faculty to look into course modifications. When current Associate Provost for Student Learning and Dean of Faculty Jodi Lancaster moved into her position, Petty met with Lancaster several times to finalize a proposal and get it approved by the College.

Only two students immediately took action to request modifications, and Petty said professors have been extremely accommodating.

Non-native English speakers can request modifications by emailing Petty at oiss@etown.edu, and the modification is for all non-native English speakers, not just international students.

Course and language modifications isn't the only thing Petty's done since her arrival nearly two years ago.

"I'm all about community and relationships, and I've tried to start events about building relationships with international students and their relationships with each other," Petty said.

The most popular event she's started is the international family dinner, where students gather in the demonstration kitchen in Bowers Center and have a home-cooked meal together. The event is open to all and happens once a semester with the goal of connecting international students to each other and other students on campus.

"I would like to see international students more represented in any area," Petty said. "I'd like to see a little bit more of the community, because community builds confidence, and when you have confidence you can meet a whole bunch of people."

Non-international students are invited to nearly every event, including the international family dinner. There are still some language barriers, but Petty hopes building community can help overcome obstacles.

"It can be really hard to feel like you fit in," Petty said. "If any student feels that way, they're always welcome to come to our international student events, because I want people to feel like they belong."

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One of the popular events hosted by the International Students Office was the International Students Day party. where students came together to play various games.

Which famous painting are you based on your zodiac sign?

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Despite my best attempts, Jays, I am simply not an artist. Unfortunately, my visually creative skills never advanced past the kindergarten level. If I am being completely honest, I still struggle with coloring in the lines. Nonetheless, you don't have to be an artist to appreciate the artwork from the past several centuries or so. For this week's edition of the Horoscopes, let's find out what famous painting you are based on your zodiac sign. Look at your sun, moon and rising sign if you're interested in creating a gallery wall in your room!

Aries- You are "Composition with Red Blue and Yellow" by Piet Mondrion which he painted in 1930. The Dutch artist composed the painting in the Neo-Plasticism style, a more modern way of painting. It is currently held at Kunsthaus Zürich in Zurich, Switzerland.

Taurus- You are "The Great Wave off Kanagawa" by Hokuski which he painted in 1831. Many prints were made of the work, but only around 100 copies have survived over the years. You can see a copy at the Tokyo National Museum in Tokyo, Japan, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, New York and other galleries around the world.

Gemini- You are "Nighthawks" by Edward Hopper which he painted in 1942. It is rumored that Hopper was inspired by Ernest Hemingway's short story, "The Killers" when he painted this. It is currently held in The Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Cancer- You are "Starry Night" by Vincent Van Gogh which he painted in 1889. He also painted other views of "Starry Night," including "Starry Night Over the Rhône." "Starry Night" is currently held in The Museum of Modern Art in New York City, New York.

Leo- You are "Paris Street; Rainy Day" by Gustave Calliebotte which he painted in 1877. The setting of the painting is the Palace du Dublin in northern Paris. It is currently held at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Virgo- You are "American Gothic" by Grant Wood which he painted in 1930. The painting was inspired by the Iowa countryside and features a father and daughter, not husband and wife as it commonly perceived as. It is currently held in The Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Libra- You are "Water Lilies" by Claude Monet. With over 250 paintings in the set, you can find a lot of the prints in many famous museums including The Art Institute of Chicago, Musee D'Orsay and the Denver Art Museum.

Scorpio- You are "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo Da Vinci which he painted in 1503-1506. Not much is known about the subject of the painting. There is a Mandela Effect where the woman is remembered as frowning, but her expression is a smirk. The painting is currently held in the Louvre Museum in Paris, France.

Sagittarius- You are the "The Astronomer" by Johannes Vermeer which he painted in 1668. Vermeer painted this during the height of the Dutch's science fascination. The painting is currently held in the Louvre Museum in Paris, France.

Capricorn- You are "The Persistence of Memory" by Salvador Dahli which he painted in 1931. This surrealist work is most known for the dripping clock. The painting is currently held in The Museum of Modern Art in New York City, New York.

Aquarius- You are "Sunflowers" by Vincent Van Gogh which he painted in 1888. Van Gogh painted this work and its companion piece during his mysterious stay with his brother, Theo. The painting is currently held at the National Gallery in London, England.

Pisces- You are "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" by Georges Seurat which he painted in 1884-1886. Despite the title, the people at the park are looking over the River Seine in Paris, France. The painting is currently held in The Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Photo courtesy of Chandler McGuire

Which of these captivating artworks represents you? Read to find out!

A Retrospective Review of Amazon's "Rings of Power" Series

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It's no secret that I am not a fan of Amazon's "Rings of Power" series, but not for the reasons you may think.

I'm the first to say a film adaptation of a book doesn't have to be a perfect copy in order to be a great movie or show. But at the same time, changes have to make sense for the medium and not completely divert from the source material in an offensive way. I think what makes this so interesting is that the "Rings of Power" series seems to be made for fans of Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogies, rather than fans of the books of the same name by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Personally, I love Jackson's interpretations and categorize them as alright adaptations and great movies, and many fans love these films. These adaptations are great for introducing die-hard movie fans to Tolkien's wider world within the books. However, catering to these fans can severely hinder what the "Rings of Power" team is trying to accomplish.

"The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogies take place over a few decades, while "Rings of Power" attempts to include exposition and storylines from part of the First Age and all of the Second Age, which span over thousands of years. Attempting to jam this all together for a first-time viewer is a struggle in itself, but trying to adapt all of these storylines in a short amount of time makes Tolkien's world seem smaller and its history less grand. This series also suffered a bit from what many fans call fast travel.' Fast travel is a common trope in fantasy that refers to when the time characters take to travel across the world to various locations as either inconsistent with earlier journeys, or too fast to make sense with the size of the world itself.

I also wanted to address some of the storylines the creative team added on their own. I won't mention anything specific, as to avoid spoilers, but I do believe the series suffered from their diversion from the source material. Most of the information we have on the First and Second Age comes from Tolkien's lesser known works, such as "The Silmarillion" and "Unfinished Tales", and contains thousands of years worth of history for all the races and kingdoms of Middle-Earth.

The creative team leaned on these works like an outline, but made changes in order to prevent books fans from being one step ahead of the casual viewers. Personally, I think they could have stuck to Tolkien's lore and still found a way to surprise all types of viewers by how these events came to pass, rather than relying on cheap shots used for shock value or lore that they created that doesn't make sense in Tolkien's larger mythology. That being said, I think some of the changes, added characters or invented storylines worked really well for the adaptation. It's a mixed bag for sure in terms of story, you'll just have to decide for yourself what you think works and what doesn't.

That being said, there was a lot about this adaptation that I really enjoyed, such as the score and the casting. Many fans originally complained that people of color (POC) actors would be portraying members of all the races of Middle-Earth. Some claimed that since Tolkien based his world off of English, Welsh and Celtic mythologies, that POC actors had no place portraying these characters.

This is an odd take for me, since there were POC background characters in both of Jackson's trilogies. Not to mention the fact that casting POC actors does not affect the story in any negative way. Some Hobbits, Elves, Men and Dwarves were not white; get over it. This is one reason why I hesitate to say that I dislike "Rings of Power" or that I think it is a poor adaptation and an average series at best, since I do not want to be lumped in with these types of "fans."

I would rate the "Rings of Power" series as a 5/10 overall, but with four more seasons on the way, there is plenty of room to improve.

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Charlie Vickers, who portrays the character of Halbrand in Amazon's "Rings of Power", at the series' premiere in September of 2022.

Learn about Kara Sullivan's Passion for E-Motion

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This week, meet Kara Sullivan, a third-year early education major from Harrisburg, Pa. with a passion for dance.

Sullivan has been keeping busy during her time at Elizabethtown College. Currently, she is involved in the Education Organization, the Council for Exceptional Children and Kappa Delta Pi , which all provide her with opportunities related to her major.

She was also invited to complete an Honors in the Discipline project within the Education Department for the 2024-2025 academic year, and is actively preparing her thesis to be approved and presented.

Outside of her academics, Sullivan has been maintaining involvement in Etown's E-Motion Dance Club, of which she's been a member since her first year at Etown. She choreographed dances for five out of her six total semesters, and was recently elected to the club's cabinet as the costumer for next year.

"I love to dance," Sullivan said. "I spend a lot of time in the dance studio practicing and choreographing."

This semester, she's leading an energetic musical theater and jazz-style dance to a remix of music from the musical "Grease" alongside third-year Mackenzie Schmoyer. The 22-person number will be included in E-Motion's Spring Showcase at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 in Leffler Chapel, with ticket sales starting on Monday, April 15 in the BSC.

Sullivan says her involvement in E-Motion has been the best part of her college experience by far.

"I love getting ready for our showcase every semester and dancing has been a great outlet for me," Sullivain said. "I've made some of my best friends through E-Motion and am so thankful to them for being there for me through thick and thin."

Alongside dance, Sullivan's friends have been another bright spot during her time on campus. She cherishes the moments she has with them.

"I feel like I am making some great core memories," Sulivan said.

Her friend group likes to get together when the weather is nice and some spend time outside in the fresh air.

"Some of my favorite times on campus are when the weather hits 70 degrees," Sullivain said. "My friends and I love to go outside to sit, eat or do homework. Last year, we even bought bubbles and food for a picnic!"

Though she may do much of her physical activity in a dance studio or gym, Sullivan loves the outdoors.

"I grew up on a farm," she said. "So I like spending time outside and with animals."

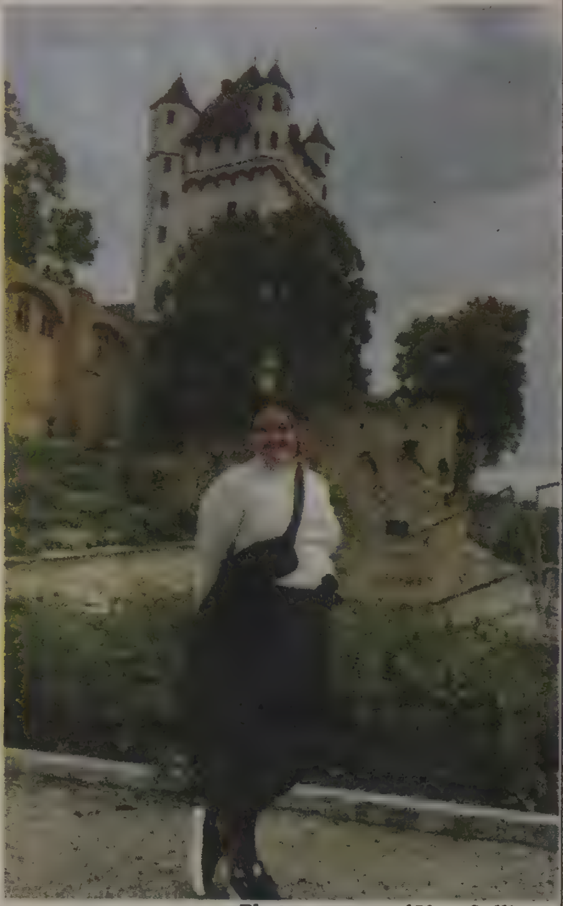
The rest of Sullivan's free time is spent exercising, reading and watching movies.

"I'm a big movie girl and will watch a movie almost every night," she said. "And by movies, I mean lots of romance, Disney, and silly sitcoms."

Sullivan is also a part-time server at PJ Whelihan's, a chain restaurant with Lancaster and Harrisburg locations.

Sullivan feels that her experience at Etown has been incredibly rewarding so far, allowing her to pursue her interests in meaningful ways.

"I have had some challenging classes, but overall feel like I am getting a great education here and get all the support I need to succeed," Sullivan said.



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Sullivan has really enjoyed her time here at Etown, especially with the friends she has made through dance.

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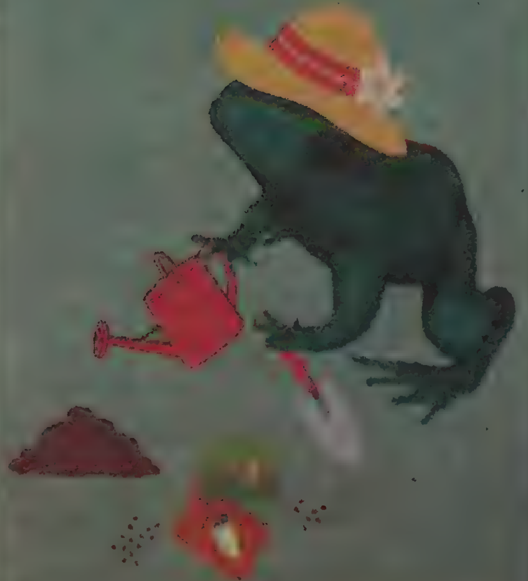
Why is Rory so good at gardening?

He has green thumbs!!



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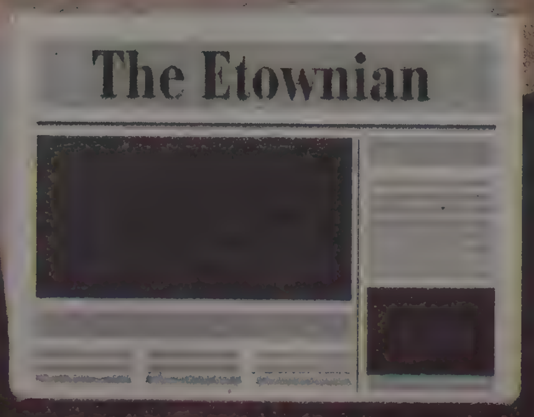

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2024

Apr. 1: Before Baptism - Growing up Amish

Apr. 1: DEBATE: ChatGPT, WordTune and Similar AI Programs Present Educational Obstacles on the College Landscape.

Apr. 4: From D&D to DOOM to Dragon Age: Gaming and Making Games with Kevin Schlipper

Apr. 4: The Role of Writing in Medicine with Dr. Michele Harper

Apr. 5: Junior Recital featuring Maddie Hauser, mezzo soprano

Apr. 5: EGG Pokemon Showdown Tournament

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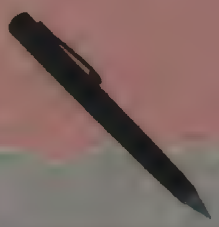

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Check out the Scenic Elizabethtown Borough Community Park

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The Elizabethtown Borough Community Park is a quiet park right on South Mount Joy Street, only a few minutes from campus. The park has several playgrounds for young kids to explore, pavilions, basketball courts, an amphitheater and more! There's plenty to do for family members of all ages, or if you just want to take a nice nature walk.

This past weekend, I decided to check out the Elizabethtown Borough Community Park after hearing good things from some mutual friends. While I am a bit too old to be playing on the playground, I noticed that many families had brought their kids to the park to enjoy the warmer weather. The kids seemed to be having a lot of fun on the different equipment, riding bikes on the paths, or playing in the elevated sandboxes. There seemed to be a lot of equipment that was built with many types of children in mind, especially disabled children, so that everyone could enjoy the park.

"I think it's really cool that they have visual aids so kids that might speak different languages or are nonverbal can still play together," said third-year professional writing major and Assistant Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer.

The park has a long history, much of which was spent finding ways to improve the park for the community. The park's rich history dates back to June 21, 1932, when locals introduced the idea of creating a community park. In 1950, the Elizabethtown Area Chamber of Commerce founded and donated the park to the borough, which still controls the park and maintains it. The borough continues to search for funds to pay for improvements for the park.

After creating the Park Commission, the chamber members dedicated their time to making improvements, including a comfort station, setting out paths and walkways, the making of a softball field and adding shelters and pavilions. They also did some underground work with the water and sewer lines. Donations and funds over the years have helped to provide the park with flood lights, a flagpole and restorations to the park, such as stream bank improvement, pathway restoration and playset upgrades.

My personal favorite part of the park is the small stream that runs through it. It has two bridges that allow visitors to access one of the many pavilions, swings and the basketball courts. In the stream, guests can often see ducks floating by or searching for food. Unfortunately, during my visit, I did see a bit of trash stuck in the stream. Thankfully the ducks avoided this, but further down the stream I also saw a traffic cone amongst other trash. The stream itself could definitely benefit from a bit of cleaning, and it is important as community members to remember to clean up after ourselves after visiting the park so that other guests and our animal neighbors can enjoy the park as well.

The park thankfully also provides guests with indoor bathrooms, rather than portable restrooms. The bathrooms themselves looked clean enough, but one thing I noticed was how bone-chillingly cold they were. I'm sure it would be a lifesaver on a blistering summer day, so I'm not complaining.

Overall, I would say that this park is definitely a better fit for local families to go to, but the park is welcoming to everyone in the community. If you're looking for a place to sit on a bench and watch the ducks, or looking for a fun family-friendly activity, check out Elizabethtown Borough Community Park!

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The Elizabethtown Borough Community Park has something for everyone, whether you want to play basketball on the courts or take a relaxing walk by the stream.

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

The Grubb family were iron-masters for over 165 years, working out of Lancaster, PA. They helped with the remodeling of Etown's Student Alumni Gymnasium-Auditorium, which included a WWII memorial. They also served on the committee to help plan the Alumni Field House.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on The Grubbs, The Colemans and The Iron Industry in Pennsylvania by Ryan Runkle, Jonathan Freaney and Jacob Beranek.

Springtime Recipe: Honey Cakes

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Though the weather may still be windy and chilly, spring has begun and it's time to start bringing out all the fresh flavors of the season. Recently, a few of my friends got together to celebrate Ostara, the holiday celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans for the Spring Equinox. We decided to make honey cakes for the occasion. Though the Spring Equinox has passed, here's the recipe so you too can enjoy the hard labor of the bees as they emerge from their hibernation.

First, gather all of the ingredients you'll need. Unfortunately, this recipe isn't as dorm-friendly as others have been, but you don't need anything that isn't generally a household staple: flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, sugar, vegetable oil, eggs, orange zest and juice, cinnamon and honey (of course). If you don't have any oranges on hand, the Marketplace generally has them available, or you can use mandarin oranges or tangerines.

Make sure you also have an oven ready to use, space for the cakes to cool and two round cake pans. Use eight-inch pans for slightly taller cakes or nine-inch pans if you want them a little thinner.

Grease the pans using your preferred method and coat them with a layer of flour. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. In a large bowl, mix together two and a half cups of flour, three teaspoons of baking powder, half a teaspoon of baking soda, one cup of sugar and two teaspoons of cinnamon until they are fully combined. Then, stir in a cup of honey, half a cup of vegetable oil, four eggs, a teaspoon of orange zest and one cup of orange juice.

Once all of the ingredients have been thoroughly mixed, pour the batter into your cake pans. Bake them for about 28 minutes, checking them with a toothpick to ensure you don't over bake them. When making these cakes with my friends, the cakes took an extra five minutes or so to finish baking, so be aware they may take a little longer. Once the toothpick comes out clean, take them out and let them cool in the pans for about five minutes before moving them to wire racks.

After letting the cakes cool a bit, they're ready to be cut and enjoyed! I recommend eating them while they're still a little warm. If you have leftovers or can't eat them right away, warming them up in the microwave for a few seconds (though not too long, or they might dry out) is a great idea.

The honey cakes came out perfectly dense and moist, and with just the right amount of sweetness. We shared them around with our friends and family, and everyone who had some found it delicious!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

Try these dense and moist honey cakes to celebrate the arrival of springtime.

Colleges Against Cancer Club

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Elizabethtown College has many STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-related clubs and organizations. Recently, I discussed the Women in STEM club and its values to women currently majoring in STEM fields. Nonetheless, Etown's science-based organizations take care to bring awareness to our community, as well as to those struggling with illness or cancer. Etown's Colleges Against Cancer club is an increasingly growing organization centered around fundraising and support for cancer patients or those who have dealt with cancer in the past.

Students who have personal experience with cancer, have experienced cancer within their families or know others who have struggled with cancer can find a solid support system at Etown. Members can attend monthly chapter meetings and participate in fundraising for cancer patients.

Additionally, Etown's Relay for Life plays a crucial part in the organization's yearly fundraising attempts. An exceptionally large event that brings countless students together in a positive way, Relay for Life occurs in February and all students are welcome to join.

Prior to registration, students are encouraged to raise money online, through social media, from family or in their own homes [illegible] donate to the cause. However, Relay for Life is entirely volunteer-based, allowing each student to contribute to the organization regardless of whether they choose to participate financially.

Colleges Against Cancer's annual Relay for Life event includes games like volleyball, Kan Jam, SpikeBall, and even a cornhole tournament. An inflatable obstacle course was a large part of the event, which led to some intense competition between friends. A few students even made the brave decision to have an impromptu haircut, donating at least eight inches of their own hair to make wigs for cancer patients going through chemotherapy.

At this year's event, I was given a chance to speak about my own family's history with cancer, which was an emotional experience. Sharing my personal experience of cancer with my peers, people who showed up at such a charitable and beneficial event to serve their community, was inspiring and heartwarming. I was so thankful to have the chance to speak and volunteer with my peers, as well as to hear members of the community speak out about their experiences and life lessons.

Overall, Etown's Colleges Against Cancer organization is a tremendous way to become involved in one's community. It serves as a way in which students and faculty members can volunteer, raise money and cooperate with other members of the community in a positive way. Community outreach is such a valuable part of college, one that will always be relevant in today's society.

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Etown's Colleges Against Cancer club has participated in many fundraisers aiming to help both cancer patients and survivors.

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Etown tennis splits with Susquehanna

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The Elizabethtown College Blue Jays men's and women's tennis teams took on the Susquehanna University River Hawks this past weekend on Sunday, March 24 in a highly anticipated conference matchup. It was a solid showing for the Blue Jays that saw both teams put forth valiant efforts. The women's team captured their fifth win of the season, winning 7-2 and moving to 5-4 on the season. The men's team wrapped up the day with a 6-3 loss, falling to 4-5.

On the women's side of things, the Blue Jays proved to be the better team, dominating in both singles and doubles matches. In the singles, they took five of the six matches. Just one of these wins was forced into a third set, as Etown found themselves out in front early and often. Second-year Haley Bishop won her match in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-1. Third-year Gabriella Palladini followed that win with a superb performance of her own, taking both sets 6-4 and 6-1. Fourth-year Kaylee Mustard notched a win with 6-3 and 6-0 set wins. Fourth-year Morgan Bleicher also found success in the singles, outlasting her opponents in three sets, taking the final 10-2 and first-year Katie Balzano earned a win with a commanding effort that saw her take both sets 6-2 and 6-0.

The team was just as good in the doubles, winning two out of three. Mustard and Bleicher formed a great duo that Sunday, nearly shutting out the opposition in an 8-1 victory. Later, Palladini and third-year Adriana Burmeister matched their teammates step for step with an 8-1 win of their own.

The men's team struggled in both singles and doubles. They did manage to win two of the six singles matches that day, thanks to second-year Max Lauver and first-year Stefanos Billis. Lauver would win both sets in his match 6-3 and Billis would follow that up with 6-1 and 6-4 to put the Blue Jays on the board for a second time in the singles round. Lauver and Billis also teamed up for an outstanding performance in their doubles match, taking quick care of their opponent 8-0.

The Blue Jays mens' and womens' tennis teams will return to action this Saturday at 1 p.m., when they'll travel to Scranton, Pa. for a bout with the University of Scranton in a Landmark Conference matchup.

Photo courtesy of Emma Sabalaske on Elizabethtown College Athletics
Third-year Gabriella Palladini sends a shot back over the net.

Shot putter steps into circle for first time and sets records

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It's unusual for a college student to pick up a new sport. It's even more unusual for a newcomer to excel and set records at this level.

But, Elizabethtown College first-year Joey Walko is doing just that.

The track and field team at Etown is a growing program, and the throwing team is no exception. One of many new additions to the team, Walko has never competed in track & field before, but it didn't take him much time to adjust. He immediately started to set personal and collegiate records.

Walko has always been a natural athlete. He played basketball and baseball and started playing football in 8th grade. He continued his football career at Marian Catholic High School in Tamaqua, Pa., just over an hour from

Elizabethtown. After his second season, he started taking things a little more seriously.

"I had a growth spurt, and when COVID hit, I would train for the majority of the day because I was devoted to getting better," Walko said.

Because of that training, Walko was ranked statewide for his position and made a few first-team accomplishments in his local newspaper.

"I believe this all stemmed from the weight room because I loved lifting and I loved everything about aggression and the passion of sports," Walko said. "I really think that it all stems from pride in your team and where you're from. I don't think that fire ever died out of me."

At Etown, Walko realized he missed playing sports. Coach Lawrence Nawa — the throwing coach who was also a football coach for 35 years — convinced Walko to join track & field.

"You can tell he has a lot of power and he had something we could work with, so I figured 'why not give it a shot," Nawa said.

Walko immediately started to set shot put records, not just for himself, but also for the College.

During the 2023-2024 track and field indoor season, Walko made the top 10 all-time list at

Etown for indoor shot put and weight throw. He tied for fourth place in shot put, throwing 40' 6" and placed eighth for weight throw at 42' 0". Both of his records were set on Feb. 24 at the Landmark Indoor Championships at Susquehanna University.

"He kills it every time he goes out there," first-year and fellow shot putter Brendan Arthur said. "For example, he had a big personal record at conferences before spring break, which was so much fun to watch, especially with the fact that he's never even touched a throwing implement before."

Walko dedicates his success in shot put to his high school lifting coach, JD Hackenberg.

"He really put a flame in me for lifting heavy and helped me to push myself to my

limits," Walko said. "It is really all about being athletic as a shot putter and being

strong. Without the weight training that I continued to do during my first semester at college, I don't think I would have been able to accomplish what I did."

Walko doesn't only bring good statistics to the track team, but he also brings the attitude that is

necessary to be a good track & field competitor. "Joey comes to practice every day

with such a positive attitude, smiling and cracking jokes," Arthur said. "For me, that is great to have around, especially at a meet because being around him brightens the mood. He is not only a great asset when it comes to the sport, but a great asset mentally and emotionally because he just picks you up."

Nawa agrees.

"[Walko] is very dedicated," he said. "He never misses [a track practice]. He works hard. You can obviously see that he's used to doing that because he was brought up that way. He came from a good program, so he fits in really well with the work ethic that it's going to take to be good."

Walko is returning for the spring season.

"I was never a quitter and I have come to love the sport," he said. "I would like to see how far I can go with this, because it is very new for me and I can only go up from here. Hopefully, the sky's the limit!"

Photo courtesy of Sue Martinelli
First-year Joey Walko is stepping into new territory and dominating.

Etown softball splits home opener with Juniata

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Photo courtesy of Ryan Smith on Elizabethtown College Athletics

Fourth-year starting pitcher Cierra Kunkle earns first win of the season in complete game outing.

Elizabethtown College's softball team (4-8, 1-1 LC) kicked off their home opener with a thrilling split against the Juniata Eagles (6-10, 1-1 LC), winning the first game 4-3 but losing the second 12-3 with the game called in the 5th inning.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Blue Jays found themselves trailing early as the Eagles took an early lead, 0-1 starting the bottom of the 1st. However, Etown quickly turned the tables, capitalizing on offensive opportunities and their opponent's mistakes. Third-year Kristen Aydelotte's two-run double in the bottom of the first inning fueled the Blue Jays' offense after second-year center fielder Brooke Huczko had led off with a double, and first-year right fielder Hannah Long followed the effort by laying down a bunt single.

The Blue Jays continued to pour it on when second-year second baseman Maddie Reever and first-year shortstop Skye Zolomij both scored off defensive errors in the 3rd to put them ahead 4-1. Juniata tried to get back into things late in the sixth inning, but fourth-year pitcher Cierra Kunkle stranded a runner on second with a pop fly to preserve the Blue Jay lead and end the game.

Kunkle delivered a stellar performance, pitching a complete game and ensuring the win with key outs in crucial moments.

Game two saw a reversal of fortunes as Juniata stormed out of the gates, amassing a commanding lead with six runs in the opening frame. Despite the deficit, Etown tried to put up a stand, with third-year third baseman Jenna Davis' first career home run, a three-run homer that injected energy into the Blue Jays' dugout.

However, Juniata maintained their momentum, keeping Etown off the scoreboard the rest of the way and ultimately securing a 12-3 victory in a shortened five-inning contest. Juniata's reliever Rylea Lynch kept the Blue Jay offense at bay in the remaining innings, while the Eagles continued to rack up the score over the third, fourth and fifth innings when the game was ultimately called.

Huczko emerged as a standout performer for Etown in the doubleheader, extending her impressive hitting streak to 12 games, tallying two hits in each of the games. Her consistency at the plate provided a spark for the Blue Jays' offense throughout the day as she's done all season.

Additionally, contributions from Long, Reever and Zolomij underscored the team's depth and offensive firepower, putting up a solid performance in the first game.

However, they were unable to combat Juniata's offensive power in game two of the day.

Looking ahead, the College remains focused on its upcoming challenges, with a matchup against Penn State Harrisburg (9-3, 0-0 LC) looming on the horizon, on Monday, March 25. Here, they face another double header, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. As they reflect on their performance against Juniata, the Blue Jays are poised to build upon their strengths and address areas for improvement, aiming to maintain momentum as they approach an upcoming stretch of Landmark Conference opponents.

They'll look to find a rhythm as they navigate through the remainder of the season.

Maximizing Sleep and Productivity

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With Elizabethtown College's students' busy schedules growing in intensity as they progress through their college careers, they may understandably find themselves lacking the time to get an adequate amount of sleep. However, that raises a question: what constitutes an acceptable amount of sleep? Most people will say eight hours of sleep, but how do we know eight hours satisfies one's physical and mental needs? Furthermore, what happens if one cannot get eight hours?

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From students to athletes, the life of a college student can be busy. So how does one maximize their sleep during these hectic times?

Various organizations and studies seem to agree on what constitutes the best amount of sleep. Sources like the Harvard Medical School, the Sleep Foundation and the Center for Disease Control agree that seven hours is the baseline amount of sleep a typical adult should get every night. These organizations show people aged 18 and above only needed seven hours of sleep, whereas people heading into college needed anywhere from eight to ten hours. This data reinforces the commonplace idea that everyone needs roughly eight hours of sleep a night, even if the amount of necessary sleep is slightly lower than what people already think it is.

Of course, just because someone knows they need eight hours of sleep a night does not mean they can achieve this goal. People's schedules often end up overloaded, especially when in college. Most people reading this can presumably understand how courses held at 8 a.m. and heavy workloads can severely impact the amount of sleep one gets a night. This can become a problem as sleep deprivation can lead to significant issues like "reduced alertness, slow reaction times… reduced cognitive ability and impaired logical reasoning," according to the Sleep Foundation.

Getting extra sleep on the weekends does not circumvent this problem either. Jill Zwarensteyn discusses in an article for Sleep Advisor how changing your typical weekday sleep schedule on the weekends can lead to a phenomenon known as Social Jet Lag. Zwarenstyen also notes how this not only leads to grogginess throughout the day but also eventually leads to mental and physical issues. These issues demand solutions that allow people to get enough sleep so they do not suffer from these health issues but will not harm either one's schedule or productivity.

While there is no absolute solution to this issue. the best way to alleviate this problem could involve proper time management. If a massive workload prevents someone from sleeping at a suitable time, then understanding how to tackle responsibilities and priorities could solve that problem. Etown students can find resources from the Learning Zone that can help them manage both their time and workload, allowing them to get a good night's rest and have more energy to tackle tomorrow. Of course, becoming more organized may not help one get more rest, but it can act as a good first step to developing better habits and getting a good night's sleep.

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FAKE NEWS for April Fool's Week

It's that time of year again, Blue Jays! This special edition of the Etownian is for our annual April Fool's week celebration! All of the articles in every section are fake, but the interviews are real (minus Tom Brady's. He was unavailable to comment).

On behalf of our staff, we hope you enjoy and maybe even laugh a little. In this stressful time, we can always use some joy.

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Etown Introduces Gen Alpha Language Classes

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It seems that with every coming year, the divide between students' and professors' diction and language grows, and it's becoming noticeable even between cohorts. The truth of the matter is that the slang of the younger generations is becoming much too hard for some to fully comprehend.

So, in order to combat this unfortunate separation, the College plans to offer a new course referred to simply as the "Gen Alpha Language Course." This bold decision by the college has completely split the campus, and to accommodate this split,The Etownian chosen to split this story into two translations for easy reading and comprehension.

Under 20 Translation:

Elizabethtown College has started to cook, okay? Period. To all you zesty boys and girls with that main character energy, this is your opportunity to pop off and claim an easy victory royal. Next fall, don't be sus and take the "Gen Alpha Language Course." If you can read this it will probably be low-key easy.

Fam, I'm telling you, this class will pass the vibe check, the material should slap frfr. If you are looking for a way to get some lore, this may be the course for you, so far it's giving pass-or-fail vibes for the young bucks.

One student who goes by the alias Nolan Yost was strongly in favor of this class. In fact, across this campus, the one they call Yost seems to be the resident expert in this specific subject.

"Yo fam im loving the idea of taking this class. I can't wait to learn about the skibidi toilet lore and start giving out fanum taxes to all the beta wolves." Yost said. What this quote means I cannot even begin to comprehend, I can only assume this grouping of words supports the idea of a new course.

Over 20 Translation:

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Campus to Introduce Tents as New Living Units

Courtesy of Aleksandra Dementeva via Unsplash

Etown students are delighted at the opportunity to "rough it" in their very own tent.

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Are you bored by the idea of living in a dorm? Were you assigned too poor of a lottery number to live in any of your preferred (or any) of the residence halls? Consider choosing a tent as your living unit for next year!

As the campus population increases with each passing academic year, a new question emerged: how will Elizabethtown College house all of these new students? In August, the undergraduate class of 2027 was made up of 546 students– a 13% increase from the year before and the most since 2009.

The idea arose to lay out eight rows of five tents on the Dell lawn between Schlosser and Myer Residence Halls. This new community will be called the

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Tipping Screens Added Around Campus

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To tip or not to tip? A question that encroaches many broke college students' minds as they venture their way out into the world. Even if someone is adamant on tipping and always does the bare minimum of 20%, where is it appropriate?

The art of tipping has advanced over the past decade, with restaurants not being the only place where it is considered normal to ask for a tip and to receive one. Part of this expansion in the market has been the introduction of digital tipping screens. These often come alongside a worker saying that there will be one more question before the transaction can finish and flipping the screen around. They are present in retailers, coffee shops and even movie theaters.

Following the trend, over the spring holiday break Elizabethtown College went around installing tipping opportunities in various locations around campus. Etown has revolutionized the ability to scrounge every single penny they can get out of the campus communities with the innovative screens. In the Dining Services locations, icons like Pizza Dave and Willie will spin the screens around as you pass. When going to the library, if someone has a question for the librarian, the quality of the answer may depend on the percentage of tip that the librarian gets that day.

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Tipping screens allow for easy payment options.

Yet it will not only be in places where students would traditionally be making a transaction or sitting down to relax. The college hung the screens on the door of the classrooms where students can reward their favorite professors. All of the places that the community may take for granted day after day can now present the fact that they deserve compensation and care beyond what the college is able to provide. Clearly, even the College can recognize that and wants everyone else to chip in a little.

This, in part, lessens the pressure on the College to give a competitive wage and growth opportunities for their staff and faculty. Instead, it introduces a

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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The day "The Terminator" predicted in 1984 has finally come: the robots are taking over.

When ChatGPT went public on Nov. 30, 2022, no one could have predicted its impact on the way we create and the world we know in general. People have found a variety of ways to use Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as creating art, writing books, generating ideas, doing homework assignments and so much more. Elizabethtown College is slowly starting to incorporate AI into the classroom, and The Etownian is jumping on the bandwagon.

Starting in the Fall 2024 semester, *The Etownian's* writers will be replaced by AI. This was a rather difficult decision to make. We had one long, ten-minute conversation weighing the pros and cons. While AI does not have that 'human touch,' its articles will get done on time and be the length required to make a layout with as little white space as possible.

Many editors on staff are rejoicing about not having to write two-ten articles per week, on top of all of their other responsibilities.

"Replacing the writers felt like the best decision going forward. It gives us more time to focus on all the important edits, photo credits and our favorite software, InDesign," News Editor and third-year student Delaney Peckham said.

Not all of *The Etownian's* staff seems happy about the transition. Some are mourning their chance to write their articles every week. Charlie Carberry, the Campus Life Editor and third-year student, had some choice words to stay on the topic.

"Any attempt to make AI that can write articles attempts to draw from writers who wrote the articles in the first place," Carberry said."It is a cheap mockery. Cheap because they don't have to be paid, and a mockery because it proves that writing is seen as valuable, but writers are not."

As Peckham alluded to, *The Etownian* staff still does have to use Adobe InDesign to configure the layouts. AI has not managed to gain those skills just yet. Editors will have to spend three to twelve hours every Thursday night using InDesign to create their layouts.

"I don't think they could ever make an AI advanced enough to navigate the lovely program that is InDesign," Managing Editor and third-year student, DaniRae Renno said. "I'm fine with AI doing everything else, as long as I can still work with the program that gives me a headache every week!"

To my fellow *Etownian* staffers, English majors and anyone else who enjoys writing, I wish you luck in the years ahead.

The Etownian is only the beginning of the end.

Courtesy of Delaney Peckham

The Etownian editing team no longer needs to brainstorm or meet.

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New Tent ILUs Revealed

Rider Tents, named after Etown's beloved president, Elizabeth "Betty" Rider. With so much useless greenspace taken up by the Dell, it must have been an easy decision to build these unusual independent living units on top of it.

Each tent has an area of 30 square feet. It has four beds, meaning that up to four people can apply for a unit together. The room also comes with a table and four chairs as well as four desks. There will be no indoor plumbing; Porta-Potties and outdoor showers will be available for tenters to enjoy. A hot plate will be provided to each tent for cooking purposes, and food can be stored in one of the College's micro-fridge units. There are no power outlets in the Rider Tents, so residents will have to come prepared with their own.

Many third-years and fourth-years are unable to secure rooms in either of the Vera Hackman Apartments or the Schreiber Quadrangle. The former can only hold 92 students, and the latter has room for 128. There are benefits to living in these communities. For example, one is forced to learn certain important skills, such as cooking and cleaning. Living in a space with three other people also forces roommates to utilize strong communication skills, compromise on certain issues and create agreements as to who is going to do each chore. The construction of the Rider Tents gives more upperclassmen the opportunity to learn these skills.

Rising third-year digital media production major Adam Dalle Pazze originally jumped at the opportunity to live in a tent, but now he is having second thoughts. "I would have rather stayed in a dorm than in a tent. I don't know how they'll keep us warm on a 15 degree night in January."

These tents do boast high-quality, high-efficiency heating units, but they can only be used from August until September. They do not come with air cooling units. Bringing a fan is strongly discouraged by the Residence Life team, as the tents can easily be blown over by a strong breeze.

Elise McCann, a rising second-year biotechnology major, is intrigued by the idea of living the tent life. "I think it would be fine, as long as my neighbors aren't partying all night," said McCann. "If I'm going to be living outside, I want to have some peace and quiet under the starry night sky."

Noise should not be a concern for prospective tenters: the tents are spread very far apart, almost five feet! This will keep too much noise from spreading to other rooms. Residents should have the ability to enjoy rural Elizabethtown's beautiful night sky without being bothered by their neighbors.

So, who can choose a tent for their housing selection? Unfortunately for underclassmen, only rising third- and fourth-years can be tenters, just as how only upperclassmen can choose to live in the Apartments or Quadrangles. Residence Life expects these units to go quickly, though, so it is unlikely that a group of four

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.

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Pennsylvania's Governor Josh Shapiro recently issued an executive order forcing all Pennsylvania state lawmakers to register for and attend at least one semester at Elizabethtown College.

All 203 state representatives and 50 state senators will be registered starting next fall, and each lawmaker will have the opportunity to continue taking classes into the spring.

Funding for the bill will come through a new revenue stream for the commonwealth — competitive caterpillar racing. The sport has recently taken off, with a huge market for sports betting.

Pennsylvania created a taxing system for all bets placed on caterpillar racing and on the racers themselves.

Caterpillar owners will now be taxed twice what their caterpillar is worth — a number that can climb up to $25 million dollars.

"Maybe instead of directing that funding stream to increase lawmaker education, they should put it towards the caterpillar's health and safety," third-year occupational therapy major and caterpillar rights activist Elena Kenvin said. "Just look at how many great names in caterpillar racing have recently disappeared out of the sport. I blame the butterflies that so often flock to the races."

While the funding stream was immediately met with controversy, the bill itself has many supporters, including Kenvin.

"I think everyone should have to undergo at least a semester at Etown," she said. "There's nothing like stepping out of your dorm room on a chocolate day and going to see amazing professors and people."

Each lawmaker will automatically be registered in the communications department and forced to write at least one article for The Etownian.

"It's going to be great to have actual lawmakers reporting for The Etownian," Etownian Editor-In-Chief Chandler McGuire said. "I was a bit worried about bias, but we all know politicians would never intentionally try to mislead the public!"

While the representatives and senators are gone from the Harrisburg capitol complex, Etown students will take over their seats.

"I'm excited to experience being a lawmaker," Kenvin said. "I'm hoping to push some caterpillar-related legislation through. I might even run for a leadership position!"

Etown students certainly have their work cut out for them.

The legislators should be able to pass a budget before classes begin, but if they haven't, it will be up to the Blue Jays to finish budget negotiations.

The College plans to send a mix of majors to create a more diverse and representative legislature.

No student who participates in Student Assembly will be allowed to go to Harrisburg, since they will still be needed to run the campus.

Courtesy of Robert T. Bell

Seats in the upcoming semester will be reserved for lawmakers.

New Course Teaches Gen Alpha Slang

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Elizabethtown College is moving forward with a new course geared toward lessening the divide between students and faculty alike. The course titled "Gen Alpha Language Course" will open the eyes of the majority of the population to the developing language of the younger generations.

It seems every day and on every platform, new words and phrases appear from the thin air and seem to stick for multiple reasons. Some of these terms even completely lack definition, adding a whole layer of complexity to the new course. When developing the course and taking in information from all varieties of sources, one may wonder what this course may look like.

While I am sure many professors and students may leave this course with a new sense of understanding and overall comprehension, it makes one wonder what the future of this country may look like. To quote Steve Buscemi in "Spy Kids 2," "Do you think God stays in heaven because he too lives in fear of what he's created?" One student on campus was very strongly opposed to even the idea of a course of this nature and this course material. His outright contempt for the opportunity was reflected when he came to me with a statement: "Kids these days will never know true fear. Like the fear felt when Slenderman is outside. Skibidi Toilet is nothing!" Camdyn Buohl, a second-year biochemistry major said.

This new course also leads one to ponder the potential outcomes of a course of this nature. Could there be nursing home residents taking the food of their peers claiming the "fanum tax"? Will professors be expected to griddy and approach lectures with other newfound terms and diction to accommodate their younger students? Will the Bowers Center offer new evening classes on things such as mewing? We may never know.

Etown Community Incentivized Through Tipping

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different kind of competitiveness into the idea of being properly compensated. No longer can anyone get by through dry lecture and little interaction alone, that is, if they want a tip. The difference between getting a snack that day and not could be a student sitting there and learning or a kind interaction that shows that the higher up person seems to actually care.

"Oh no, that's kind of scary. I feel like I'm never going to get a tip," Dr. Michael Roy, professor of Psychology, said in a possible plea for the future of his financial state.

Even students will not be able to get by on the bare minimum if they want to be making the most they can out of their college careers. In addition to the typical ability to rate one's group members, people can tip their group members who did not just watch paint dry and come to the presentation with a smile. Those who do more can be recognized more in their everyday academic careers, as long as they are willing to do a little bit of panhandling and pass around their financial information.

Although the effort is meant to incentivize the College to be better and match the higher attentiveness of other colleges, not everyone agrees that this is the correct decision moving forward. Firstly, it may encourage a layer of fakeness and make criticism hard to come by for anyone who wants to get paid that week. Not to mention that it increases the financial burden put on students when it is already very high for most.

"Awful. It's a terrible decision, their employers should simply pay them more, why is it my job? Pass," Lindsey McCommons, fourth-year business major said.

Despite the mixed reception, the screens are going to be more expensive to take down then to just leave there, so most likely students will have to deal with them until at least the summer. Given that, this change may cause students to consider giving to that pleading-eyed professor that always treats others with kindness, or not and saying no every time and living with that guilt.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On March 13, the House of Representatives passed a bill banning TikTok from American devices. This was, in their eyes, meant to help protect American citizens from influences and spying happening overseas. However, suddenly and without warning, the House has begun to pass numerous other bills banning many other apps all over the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Including in this recent wave of bans includes our very own Canvas. Starting next week, all devices registered in the United States, including phones, tablets, laptops, desktops, etc., will have Canvas removed from them by a federal agent. This process will hopefully go without a hitch, and hopefully, they will ask nicely to see our devices however, no promises. This decision though comes due to the Canvas just seeming too suspicious, and mainly due to their lobbyists not paying enough to keep the attention of Congress. The House claims that due to Canvas having supporting features to zoom and other apps that they are all connected, as well as something about it connecting to the Wi-Fi and how that means it takes information or something.

When asking around campus how they felt about this new information, most had no idea what we were talking about. However, here are a few responses that we managed to get.

"I don't want to use Schoology again," said Madison Stewart, a third-year engineering student.

Luckily for all of you who are worrying about the same thing, the College will not require us to change what software we use. Instead, students will be instructed to use something called "paper and pencil" again. Some professors are enjoying this change as they realize they will not have to change and learn how to use a computer after all. The College is also preparing all the old scantron machines in preparation for the hundreds of tests that will need to be graded now.

"This ban has honestly made me feel a mix of conflicting emotions. One side of me is deeply saddened by the loss of my silly little video app. On the other hand, I will happily say goodbye to Canvas. Since we don't have it, now it brings the question of what resource we will use going forward. I say we should just stop doing assignments all together. That'll help my mental health," said Stephanie Motz, a third-year year Computer Science student.

Sadly, for this student and many others, as stated above, assignments will not be forgiven or dismissed. Since we no longer have access to these apps anymore, like TikTok, we should have plenty of time to do our work and make our handwriting neat once again.

Looking forward now, the school will be issuing us some school supplies to get us started. So, check your mailboxes for some pencils and paper, and hey, maybe even one of those pens that has a bunch of different colors.

Business Buzz

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Good news, Blue Jays!

Target is officially marking its territory on the Elizabethtown College campus. No longer will students have to drive twenty to thirty minutes off campus to one of their Lancaster or Harrisburg locations.

Instead, they can simply walk right on over to where Nicarry Hall currently stands to indulge in their shopaholic behaviors.

Students know Nicarry Hall as the home of ITS, Political Sciences, Education, Social Work, English, Center for Community and Civic Engagement, Study Abroad and Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking, among others. The offices will be moved to the basement of Zug Memorial Hall. The classes will be held near Lake Placita, and the geese will replace the professors.

But, who picks their college based on the academics? Incoming students want their college to have the best amenities, and according to some students, adding a Target is one of the best ways to entice new students.

"I think that this is a great decision!" Em Clark, a second-year student said. "Target is one of my favorite places and having one right on campus will definitely boost students' morale!"

Due to the small space, the Target is going to be three stories, plus a basement used for temporary housing. Students who end up in the new Target Basement Housing will be eligible for a ten percent discount on their Target purchases, with some exclusions. This discount will not apply to clothes, electronics, food, luggage or fitness equipment.

The Target will operate during normal hours (8 a.m.- 10 p.m.), which means students and staff can pop in before and after class.

"I am very excited about this new Target. It will be very convenient to do shopping and get everyday needs," Micah Bidgood-Enders, a third-year student, said. "Not only that, but I am very excited to be able to have a nearby store in which I get to take my girlfriend more regularly and spoil her!"

Brooke Seislove, a fourth-year student and Bidgood-Enders' girlfriend, better get some more storage space!

Rumors have spread that Target's mascot, Bullseye, will even replace Truman as the beloved dog on campus. The College Store is currently planning on revamping their Truman merchandise and taping pictures of Bullseye over Truman's face. This is part of the College's effort to be more sustainable and decrease waste.

Construction for Target's new home isn't set to start until summer 2025. There is no news on whether this Target will include a Starbucks or Pizza Hut. The Blue Bean and Pizza Dave may be getting some competition.

Students and staff, enjoy Nicarry Hall while you have the chance, and start preparing your weekly Target shopping budget!

Courtesy of Robert T. Bell

One of these superstores is soon to replace Nicarry Hall.

Study Abroad Office pilots new program

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Etown's SGPS program was recognized for multiple categories in the Intelligent.com awards, specifically for its reputation in higher education and the affordability of the programs.

Elizabethtown College Study Abroad Office is excited to announce a new program it is piloting, beginning in Fall 2024, where all 1,800 Etown students will be shipped to Spain! This new program has taken years of planning and research, but the petition signed by all Etown students for the opportunity to go to Spain could not be overlooked by the College. Spain is broken up into 17 regions (similar to how the USA is broken up into 50 states) and is one of the most beautiful destinations one will ever visit, making it the perfect place for this new program.

Study Abroad Advisor, Jamie Ramos II, was eager to explain some of the details behind this new program to get students excited about the prospect of going to Spain.

"Each student will learn how to live under the sun as the majority of Spain is sunny! On average, the temperature in the south of Spain can be 90 degrees, and in the north it can be 70 degrees. Needless to say, we shipped all the students to the south of Spain for a good tan!" Ramos said. "We may not have Truman anymore, but students will learn to love the national animal of Spain, El Toro (The Bull)."

This unfamiliar environment will foster cultural and personal growth and provide the opportunity for the College to pioneer an entire schoolwide study abroad program. Spain's rich history and unique culture will hopefully grow on every single student.

Paella, Croquetas, Patatas Bravas and Spanish Omelets are some of Spain's most popular dishes. "Students in Spain will no longer have a meal plan to a cafeteria, but instead will survive off of delicious Spanish tapas (appetizers) for $3 per plate!" Ramos said. Exquisite food is just one extra reason to be excited about this new program.

While good food and beautiful sights will be seen, students will still be academically stimulated by the classes offered. Ramos indicated that, "During their first month in Spain, Etown students will have mandatory dance lessons. Life in Spain cannot be lived without learning rhythm and dance. Three to four times a week, students will learn how to dance Salsa, Bachata, Merengue and Flamenco."

However, after a hard dance class, students will be exposed to another area of Spanish culture, napping!

"Students will embrace one of the most important cultural traditions of Spain, la siesta (The Nap). A daily nap in Spain is a part of everyone's daily life. Spain lives the simple life, which involves one nap per day. After classes and lunch, students will learn of the importance of a solid nap in the afternoon," Ramos said.

First-year Julia Finley expressed her opinion on this new program. "Personally, I would be really excited for the opportunity. Although ,I would stress a bit about how that could affect things I already have planned out, such as my tuition, financial aid and credits."

But even though some students may have reservations, the College will still enforce this new program.

Ramos was even kind enough to find out a timeline for the Fall 2024 semester in Spain. "Lastly, Etown students can be grateful that the boat that dropped them off in Spain has decided to not come back for a full 143 days (about 4 and a half months). Why has the boat decided not to return for 143 days, who knows? This number has nothing to do with Spanish culture, but it is when the boat is deciding to return."

While students are in Spain, faculty will have the chance to participate in all of Etown's traditional programs for students. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) hopes that faculty members will be able to participate in the programs with no updates.

It's unclear how faculty will handle the Thank Goodness It's Spring (TGIS) theme, which was altered to mimic Crossfit training. Students may see faculty members hitting the gym in a new way when they return.

This new program, led by Ramos will set the precedent for study abroad programs moving forward. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity being offered to Etown students will integrate global travel and cultural studies into its learning environment. More details will be released at the end of the spring semester on this new program to Spain, so be sure to check back in!

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> *~Jaime Ramos*

Tom Brady hired to restart Etown football team, promises success

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In a stunning turn of events that have sent shockwaves through the world of collegiate sports, former National Football League (NFL) quarterback Tom Brady has been appointed as the head coach of Elizabethtown College's football team. With a promise for decades of enduring success, Brady's imminent arrival and appointment has ignited a veritable excitement among students, alumni, faculty and football enthusiasts alike.

Brady, widely regarded by some as one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time, is an NFL veteran of 23 seasons. Having previously retired in 2022 before changing his mind after some time, Brady again announced his retirement in early 2023, indicating that this time, it was "for good". In a video posted on X (formerly Twitter) Brady lamented over his career and fanbase. "I won't be long-winded. You only get one super emotional retirement essay, and I used mine up last year. So, I really thank you guys so much. Thank you guys for allowing me to live my absolute dream. I wouldn't change a thing. I love you all," Brady said.

While Brady's speech has turned into an internet meme, Etown athletics hopes that his fame as an internet star can extent to Etown's football team and increase the program's online presence.

Experts had expected the former quarterback, with a record seven Super Bowl rings to his name, to possibly return to the professional football scene as a commentator or maybe focus on his apparel and wellness brands, but no one could have anticipated this shocking turn of events.

In a press conference, Brady expressed his enthusiasm for the new endeavor. "It's an honor to join the Elizabethtown community and have the opportunity to personally restart the football program," Brady remarked. "I've always been drawn to challenges, and I see a tremendous potential here to build something truly special."

With Brady at the helm, optimism is running high as the team gears up for a remarkable resurgence. An anonymous Etown student commented on the anticipation. "It's very exciting that an athletic role model is coming to share his expertise," they said. "There's so much personal excitement, being able to develop that connection with such a legendary football figure."

The announcement has seemingly sparked a wave of animation from the student body, with ticket sales for the upcoming season expected to soar to unprecedented levels. Local businesses are also bracing for the influx of visitors expected to flock to the Elizabethtown community and campus to witness Brady's promise of success become a reality.

Brady wasted no time in outlining his ambitious plans for the team, emphasizing the commitment to discipline, teamwork and a game-winning mentality above all as paramount. With a meticulous approach to training and a focus on strategic planning, Brady is confident that the College will soon claim its status as a college football powerhouse. "I believe in setting lofty goals and working tirelessly to achieve them," Brady said. "Together, we will write the next chapter in Etown's football legacy, one marked by triumph and enduring successes for decades to come."

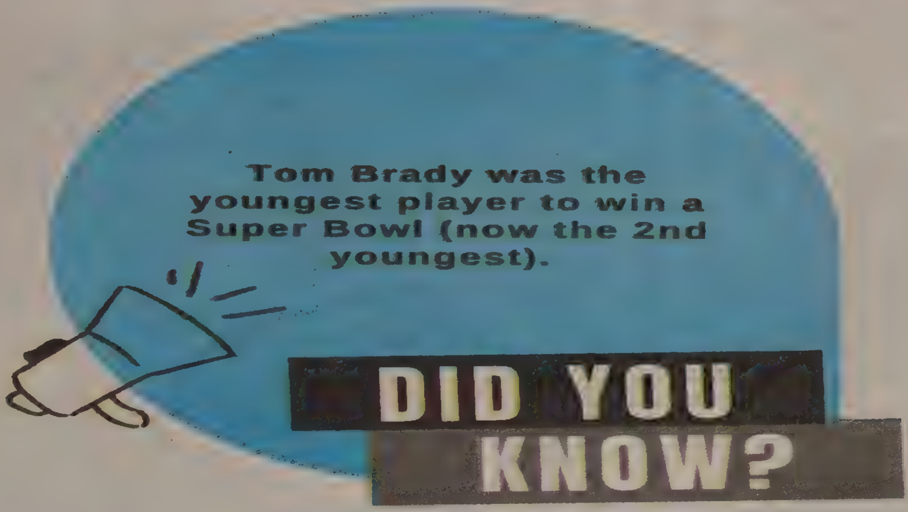
While this is wonderful news for the football program, other students and athletic programs have voiced concerns over the appointment of such an icon to campus.

"I'm just wondering how they convinced Tom Brady to come to Etown of all places," third-year Jordyn Dutko said. Dutko also wondered if Etown, "could possibly do the same with Michael Phelps or Katie Ledecky," hoping that the College might have other plans to bring on sports icons as mentors.

Some skeptics question Brady's ability to transition from player to coach, yet many believe that the record-breaking successes from his career speak for themselves.

As preparations for the upcoming football season kick into high gear, all eyes have turned to the College and the extraordinary journey ahead under the guidance of football legend Tom Brady.

With his unmatched expertise and stalwart determination, Brady is poised to lead the college team to new heights and usher in an era of unparalleled success for Etown football, mirrored only by the icon's own career.



Tom Brady was the youngest player to win a Super Bowl (now the 2nd youngest).

DID YOU KNOW?

BOWERS CENTER

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FAKE NEWS

Hidden celebrity makes Elizabethtown College famous

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Rumors spread on the consideration of building more classrooms, campus houses, dorms and apartments have made the whole campus excited about the changes possibly being made for the semester to come.

An Elizabethtown College student recently published a New York Times bestseller for their amazing life story as a hidden celebrity. This book covers all their amazing adventures at the college, specifically how much they enjoyed the college specialties “carrot cake” and "chocolate air.” Right after the success of her book, thousands of people came to visit the college to walk the same halls that this celebrity walked and experience the tasty carrot cake and the smell of chocolate air the writer has been talking about non-stop in their book.

In the midst of this large number of people walking around the college, classes had to be canceled and the Elizabethtown Police Department had to take matters into their own hands to evacuate these “visitors” from the college. High school students from all around the world have applied to attend the fall 2024 semester just because of the amazing opportunities they have read from our hidden celebrity’s bestseller.

Katie Wagner, a second-year international business major with a minor in religious studies, expressed her concerns, “I am very happy with the classes being canceled, but those visitors keep eating all of our carrot cakes.” The problem we are facing now with this news is the shortage of carrot cake. As this may not please many of our students, other problems and concerns arise from the fact that many individuals are applying and the college may have reached its limited capacity.

“Will we have the opportunity of having more housing options if the school gets to its limit?” Madison Fredd, a third-year biology major said.

She pointed out her fears and questions by asking if there would be opportunities to have more classes open and for professors to be able to expand the college.

Talks about the consideration of building more classrooms, campus houses, dorms and apartments have made the whole campus excited about the changes possibly being made for the semester to come.

In the hidden celebrity’s book, she went into detail on how welcoming the students and staff are. Her favorite times of the semester were when OSA organized bingo nights and TGIS.

“It is an environment where you are assured success but also fun,” the celebrity said.

This has boosted the want of even middle schoolers to put Etown as one of their top go-to colleges already. The question people now ask themselves is how already-enrolled students feel about the way she has described her image of the college.

“These are the most accurate words I would use to describe Elizabethtown College,” first-year graphic design major Brooke West said. “I found my people and passion, and already know that the rest of my years here are going to be very fulfilling and will help me grow into my best version.”

“I am so thankful that people are learning more about our college, it makes me even more proud to be a Blue Jay,” second-year marketing major Olivia Gurman said. “I just hope that the production of carrot cake increases as people keep being accepted.”

The smell of chocolate has also led Dove chocolate lovers to come to theCollege in hopes of making their lives sweeter.

As the person who brought fame to the college described in her New York Times bestseller book, “Etown will make your good days even better with the smell of Dove chocolate in the air.”

There was no mention in the book of the non-chocolate days that permeate into the college from Lancaster County farmfields. Critics are hoping the celebrity will adress this issue in an upcoming and highly anticipated sequel.

As days go by, classes are still canceled until the number of people coming to "visit" the College lowers. Because of this, carrot cake is still in shortage until further notice.

Dining Services is aware of the issue and is inviting students to share their own carrot cake recipes in hopes to increase the supply.

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> *~Olivia Gurman*

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Does anyone really care which zodiac sign they are these days?

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I have a simple morning routine, Jays. I wake up, I debate on whether I am going to class and then I check my Daily Horoscope app. Then, I check my Co-Star app. I read my horoscopes filled with vague sentiments and twist them so they fit my life. They are never correct and neither are these horoscopes. People cannot be broken down into twelve simple categories that are based on stereotypes. Plus, let's face it. You may know your sun sign, but you definitely don't know your moon or rising.

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Horoscopes are meaningless, so there's really no need to read this article.

Check Out This Retro Pizza Place Right Here in Elizabethtown!

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If you are ever looking for a bite, look no farther than Freddy Fazbear's Pizza! This pizza joint, located at 1987 Fredbear Ln, Elizabethtown, PA, was started up in 1983. Freddy's notable features are their signature pizza, tubular arcade and their singing animatronics. The robotic band consists of Bonnie the Bunny (guitarist), Chica the Chicken (backup singer) and the face of the company himself, Freddy Fazbear (lead vocalist). There is also another beloved animatronic, Foxy the Pirate, however he has been discontinued for quite some time. I was lucky enough to score a behind-the-scenes tour for this article, so let us get into the nitty-gritty.

Mr. Henry Emily is the owner of this establishment, and he met me right outside the front doors. We walked into the main room, the party room, where dozens of kids have their special day celebrated. When I saw all the long tables decorated with party hats, it really took me back to my childhood. But the tour was far from over, so we turned to look at the animatronic band. There they stood, Freddy, Bonnie and Chica; they were in idle mode, so they were not currently performing. Mr. Emily was quite the comedian, making a comment about how Chica and Bonnie like taking walks.

After we were done with the pedestrian views, we finally got into the places that no normal guest can see. Mr. Emily took me into the parts and services room, which holds all the spare animatronic pieces for repairs. Truth be told, it was spooky seeing all the endoskeletons and extra animatronic heads. Mr. Emily lightened the mood though, he let me try on one of the Freddy Fazbear heads. It was stuffy in there and had sharp bits that poked me, so I would not recommend it.

After the parts and service room, Mr. Emily took me into the kitchen, and I could smell the pizza before I even stepped foot inside! I got to see and taste the freshly made pizza Mr. Emily graciously provided for our tour. The pizza certainly lived up to the hype it gets, very cheesy and the crust was perfectly crunchy. I did notice that the trash can seemed to be rooted through, and some trash was scattered around the floor. When I questioned Mr. Emily, he cracked another joke, saying Chica was feeling hungry.

The highlight of the tour, in my opinion, was the security guard's office. To get there, we went down a long hallway. We ended up stopping at a small closet, but there was nothing of note in there. When we got to the office, Mr. Emily showed me the heavy steel doors that guard the security room. I was surprised by this, and when I questioned him, he replied jokingly, "Gotta keep the animatronics out somehow." I was also shown the intricate security system, consisting of a screen that shows the multiple cameras located in the building. I was surprised that a pizza place built in the 80's has this, but the cameras were outdated so it matched.

Mr. Emily ended our tour abruptly after showing me the security cameras, wanting to close early for the day. Being a journalist, however, I wanted to get a peek at the infamous pirate fox in all his disrepair glory. After Mr. Emily left to set up the security office for the guard, I snuck over to Pirate's Cove. When I opened the curtain, I saw the pirate, his body leaned forward since he was powered off. However, when I went to touch Foxy's face, I felt a hand grip me and drag me back. The hand belonged to an angry Mr. Emily, who proceeded to promptly kick me out and say not to come back. So, if you want chivalry, Freddy's is not the place for it.

Overall, I can see why this time capsule from the 80's is such a beloved party place to this day. From the pizza to the animatronics, it is worth visiting for your next birthday bash! Although, the animatronics do smell funky, so watch out for that when you decide to go.

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The owner of Freddy Fazbear's Pizza often jokes that the animatronics have minds of their own, and while they smell a bit strange, there is nothing out of the ordinary about this groovy crew!

The Long Awaited Rorycon Feastival Has Arrived!

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March 29, 2024. Many people throughout the world were preparing for the holiday of Easter, but I had my own plans. As March was drawing to a close, a local event was finally ready for its first appearance.

This event? Rorycon.

For those unfamiliar with Rory, you can find him at home here at the Etownian, doing what he does best! You can always identify him by his numerous adorable outfits, perfectly green self and friendly demeanor.

Through the many issues of the Etownian released over the years, Rory has gained quite the cult following, culminating in this wonderful event. The fans have been asking for it for months, and finally, Rory delivered.

Rorycon debuted this year with an outstanding attendance rate, far exceeding the anticipated show out by over 200%. People were drawn in by the allure of the various activities including a Rory themed ball pit, a concert held in honor of Rory, a meet-and-greet with Rory himself and various tasty treats, all handpicked by Rory.

Upon arriving at Rorycon myself, I was privileged to have a backstage press pass to skip the line that nearly circled the building. I was able to glimpse the hard work and dedication given to this event by the staff workers.

My first stop at Rorycon was, of course, the ball pit, to see if it held up to the marketing, which claimed it was "The best ball pit you've ever seen, felt or even heard of."

After spending some time soaking in the grandeur of the pit, I can absolutely confirm that it is a glorious sight. However, I was not going to let all my time be spent on that bottomless pit.

I moved next to the arrangement of foods being served in his honor, from which I was able to select a vast variety of delectable morsels. Every food option at Rorycon was handmade, fresh and with the warmth and love you can expect from the chef's hand chosen by the wonderfully incandescent amphibian.

As the day drew on, my time in the radiance of Rorycon was dwindling. I, fortunately, was able to attend the musical performance put on by the angelic voices of our very own Elizabethtown College students!

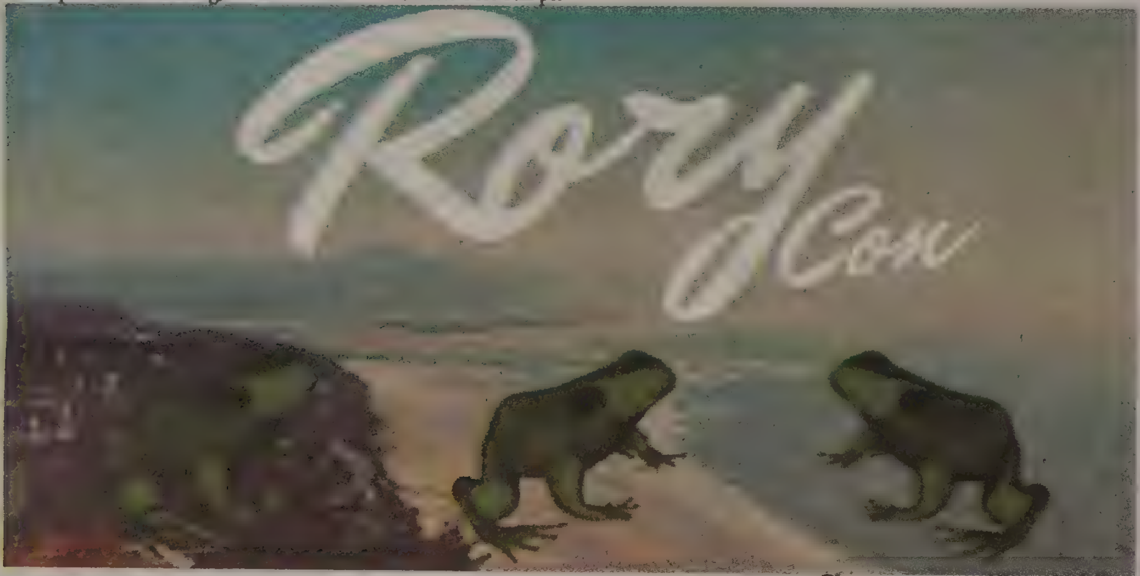
Through their voices I could truly feel connected to Rory and understand the true depths of Rorycon. As they regaled the audience with hit songs such as "Rory is King," "It Ain't Easy Being Green" and "Rory is King (Reprise)", I was stunned by their angelic voices.

As one onlooker said, "I feel at one with Rory, and through his froggy nature, I have found peace."

Finally, I was able to join the meet-and-greet where I waited in line for a miniscule five and a half hours. Unfortunately, I am not able to properly explain my meeting with Rory, as I seem to have blacked out shortly after making it to the front of the line.

Despite that, I can always depend on Rory to be in the Etownian every single issue, there to tell me a comforting joke, or amuse me with his silly outfits.

If I had to sum up the event in a single word, it would be: "Rory."



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The long awaited Rorycon is finally here! If you were unlucky enough to miss this incredible festival celebrating Rory, you can read all about the events in this article!

RORYS FUN FACT OF THE WEEK

Frogs and monkeys are natural enemies. If the monkey forgets who the favorite mascot is, the frog will instinctively remind him.

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Check out the Intellectual Masterpiece in Satire: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

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This week, I want to share a book that's been on my to-be-read list for quite some time, and I'm so glad I finally sat down to read it. It was captivating, with a thrilling twist partway through, and it constantly left me thinking even after it was over. So, dear Jays, here is my definitive review of Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, originally published in 1989. Be wary that it may contain spoilers.

On the first page, we are introduced to three characters: A, B and C. The trio decides to climb a nearby coconut tree, which happens to be growing exactly three coconuts. Interestingly, the characters don't immediately take the coconuts, even though there would be one for each of them.

In the next page, we begin to see why. The characters D, E, F, G and H are introduced, who also all intend to climb the tree. However, this cast of characters also don't take the coconuts, and instead seem more intent on racing each other to the topmost branches.

Next, we meet I, J, K, L, M, N, P and O, who also plan to climb the tree. K is described as a "tag-along" to I and J, which, although never explicitly stated, allows the reader to infer that K is a younger sibling to those two, which as a younger sibling myself really helped me to relate to his character.

In addition to the character development, I think the description of K's character gives the reader a full understanding of the context of this world. A, B and C clearly hold some leadership role, and the rest of the characters are simply followers. It serves as an excellent analogy to society and a commentary on blindly following the crowd, especially since as of yet, still none of the characters have taken the coconuts.

Q, R, S, T, U and V are the next to be introduced, but they are hardly given any characterization. This may be my one critique; I thought the concept behind V was very interesting and the color language the authors chose to use was intriguing, but without much development the character felt somewhat flat. Even so, I'm pretty sure the authors intended for the characters to become increasingly one-dimensional as they built on the theme of individuals simply following in their leaders' footsteps rather than blazing their own trails.

The final characters to be introduced, W, X, Y and Z, serve a very similar purpose to the previous group of characters we met. They are no longer having full conversations with each other as the first few did; they are merely following what they see, perhaps even indicating that their voices are being silenced by the elite.

In a shocking twist, once Z reaches the top of the tree, it collapses, leaving many of the characters injured and the tree itself bent. This scene especially brings out the scathing commentary on society rivaling works like "1984". A, B and C beg the other characters to help them up, despite being unscathed. The other characters are battered and piled together and the so-called leaders still have the audacity to call on their people to boost them up instead of providing aid for the downtrodden.

At this point, it's revealed that in the wake of such a terrible event, "J and K are about to cry," which really managed to pull at my heartstrings. I had been rooting for K, and it was so sad to see his character arc end that way, especially with the way his oldest sister ended up hurt in the fall. I was really hoping for him to get his happy ending but unfortunately not.

I could go on, but I'll leave the very ending unspoiled. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom is well worth the read, and though I'm not usually one to annotate my books, I highly recommend reading closely to understand the full scope of the satire embedded in its pages.

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This treasured satirical classic has had readers reconsidering the world we live in for more than three decades.

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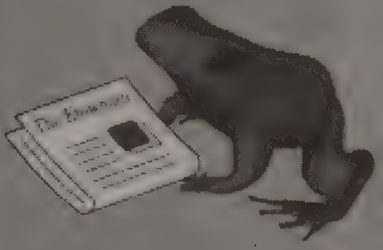

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Rory the Frog, the beloved Campus Life mascot, is descended from many recognizable historical figures. His lineage includes, but is not limited to: Galileo, Diogenes, Napoleon, Cleopatra, the Pope, Charlemagne, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Information taken from renowned Rory historians Charlie Carberry and Natalie Meyer.

Which is Correct, .GIF or .GIF?

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This week, I asked around campus to see which pronunciation is correct; .GIF or .GIF? The .GIF is an image format that was developed by computer scientist Steve Wilhite and released on June 15, 1987. The pronunciation has been debated by internet users since the early 90's and is still relevant nearly 30 years later. While some people could understand why someone would pronounce this differently, for others the wrong pronunciation could get you shunned. Elizabethtown College students had varying ideas of how to say .GIF, and many were very vocal about their choice.

"It's .GIF," said fourth-year professional writing major Kyle Mclaughlin. "And if you think otherwise, you're a tomfool with horrible internet skills."

Fourth-year professional writing major and Etownian Copy Editor Mahli Rupp seemed to agree, saying, "As the prophecy foretold, it is .GIF. If you think it's .GIF and not .GIF, you're probably a millennial."

"Or a boomer," Mclaughlin added.

But is the pronunciation really dependent on your internet literacy, or is it based on your thought process?

Fourth-year computer science major Matt Sutton's reasoning for his pronunciation lies with the moving image's creator: "I normally say .GIF. The guy who made it says it that way."

However, third-year public health major and Campus Life writer Cassidy Rohrman chose her pronunciation based on her peers: "I'd say .GIF because that's all I ever hear people saying."

But which is correct? How most people pronounce it, or how the creator pronounces it? Some dictionaries list .GIF, others use .GIF and some even list both as alternative pronunciations for people to choose from. A strong case could be made for either, but most people aren't looking for a middle ground. It's one or the other. Some say the pronunciation that feels right, and makes the most sense for themselves, while others take a more logical approach.

"I think it's .GIF. It just makes sense with English pronunciations," said third-year professional writing major and Assistant Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer.

Personally, I've always pronounced it .GIF for a variety of reasons, first of which is that it is just absolutely correct. Yes, I think it's .GIF because of the structure of the English language, but it's really just because it's the only logical answer. You can call me biased if you want, but is it really biased if I'm just 100% correct? I can't even begin to understand why anyone would pronounce it .GIF, when they could just say .GIF instead. I don't even think that you have a valid reason to pronounce it .GIF, and anyone who does so should be canceled.

How do you pronounce .GIF, and why? Email us at campuslifeeditor@etown.edu.

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

Some people believe it's pronounced .GIF, while others claim it is clearly .GIF.

The Delctable Mac and Choc

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As you may have figured out by the many dessert recipes I've tried this year already, I have a bit of a sweet tooth. This week isn't much different, but I went with one I think even the most steadfast savory fans will still enjoy: mac & chocolate!

To start, grab yourself a cup of microwavable Kraft Mac and Cheese. You can find them for sale at the Jay's Nest, or if you're craving a little extra fun in your day, head on over to Giant and pick up some with unicorn or Spongebob-shaped noodles.

You'll also need your favorite brand of hot chocolate mix. I used milk chocolate flavored Swiss Miss with the mini marshmallows mixed in (of course). You can also add some regular marshmallows, though I suggest using the smallest ones you can find since the cup isn't very large.

First, set aside the packet of cheese flavoring, then add water to the fill line of your mac and cheese cup. Place it in the microwave for three and a half minutes. Make sure to put a paper plate or paper towel under the cup, especially if you're using the one in your residence hall's common area or the Jay's Nest, since it can sometimes boil over and cover the microwave plate in cornstarch.

Leave the cup in the microwave for an extra minute to finish cooking, then take it out and stir it around to help it absorb any excess moisture. Crack open your pack of hot chocolate and stir it in.

Packets of hot chocolate mix are generally bigger than the cheese flavor packets that come with Kraft Mac and Cheese cups, so you may not need to add the entire thing. Mix it in a little at a time until it's to your liking. Enjoy!

I tried this recipe with my friend, third-year public health major Cassidy Rohrman. We agreed that it had a similar scent and flavor to the chocolate pudding in the Kid Cuisines from our childhoods, which made it a little nostalgic.

However, it did seem to be missing something. To add some extra flavor, we decided to try mixing in some of the cheese packet as well, which I think really helped.

"The notes of chocolate and cheese really ring together," Rohrman said. "It's like a marriage in your mouth."

And I'd have to agree. If you plan on trying it yourself, I don't recommend using all of the cheese flavoring. Stir it in slowly like the hot chocolate mix, just enough to get that saltiness the mac and choc seems to be missing. You won't be disappointed!

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There's nothing better on a chilly day than a warm cup of Mac and Choc!

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Etown College earns spot in NCAA Division I College Basketball

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The Elizabethtown College men's and women's college basketball teams are taking flight to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I. The NCAA made the announcement Monday last week that the Blue Jays would be soaring over Division II and be headed straight for Division I College Basketball, joining the America East Conference (AEC). While a shocker to some, the talent on both rosters is more than worthy of competing in the top division of college basketball.

From coaches and staff, to students and athletes, everyone is intrigued by the news and can't wait to go see their newest Division I team in action next season. Seats are going to be packed and those associated with the College just want the offseason to end already so they can see the team in action.

As March Madness begins to come to close, most teams are already preparing for what next season has in store. For the Blue Jays, that'll be learning their new conference opponents and getting their players ready for the stronger competition level.

On the men's side of things, some of the top opponents they'll play in the AEC include the University of Vermont Catamounts, the University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks and the Bryant University Bulldogs.

The Catamounts won the AEC this past season in men's college basketball, earning the right to appear in the Division I Men's College Basketball Tournament. While they left the tournament in a first round loss, the experience that teams like the Catamounts have should prove to be a tough task for Etown.

For the women's squad, they'll also have to match up with a tough Vermont team along with others. The University at Albany Great Danes were one of the tougher teams in the conference and the University of Maine Black Bears won the conference and played in the Division I Tournament. The women's AEC winner also went home in a first round loss, but it's certainly a competitive conference.

Of course, these are the top teams that Etown will have to face and as a new team to Division I, even the bottom of the conference teams will present a tough task. The new challenges will be a learning process and will take some growth before the teams are fully ready for next season. While there will be some ups and downs, there's one thing certain and that's that the Etown Blue Jays basketball teams will be ready to attack the challenge for next season.

Photo Courtesy of Wyatt Eaton, Etown Athletics

The Blue Jays face the University of Vermont, University of Massachutsetts, Bryant University, University of Albany, and University of Maine.

DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR BETS FOR ETOWN NEXT MARCH MADNESS SEASON!

NFL to Touch Down in Australia in 2025

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The National Football League (NFL) has been growing their game internationally within the past few years. The league's International Series began back in 2007 when games took to London, England for the first time. Since then, the league has only been expanding. The 2023-24 NFL season included games in England, Brazil and Germany, and league officials also announced plans to play in Madrid, Spain in 2025. Now, they've announced that they are readying a trip to Australia for 2025, as well.

It's already been announced that the American Football Conference (AFC) rivalry of the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins will be the matchup for the game and will also be the first matchup of the season's International Series. Two of the league's best teams and strongest fan bases should captivate the eyes of many. With marketable players like Bills quarterback Josh Allen and Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa taking the field, the kickoff to the 2025 NFL.

International Series should be one of the most anticipated games of the season. Elizabethtown College fourth-year journalism major and passionate member of Bills Mafia, Jake Moser highlighted his reaction to the news.

"I'm definitely interested in how the league plans it out," Moser said. "It's certainly not my first pick, but who knows? Maybe we'll get to see Josh Allen versus a kangaroo to see who's stronger."

Australian rules football is the continent's most popular sport, dominated by the Australian Football League (AFL), so the NFL bringing a little bit of American style football to Australia was a must. While it'll be a long trek from the east coast of the United States to Australia, the league hopes that preparing their teams a year ahead of time will make up for it.

Australia has also been pushing to see the NFL play on Australian soil. One of the reasons is because the NFL has seen their fair share of Australian athletes grace the league. A number have tried to make the transition from rugby or Australian rules football to the NFL over the past decade. While it's a difficult move to make, a few have made their mark in the league. These names are highlighted by Philadelphia Eagles left tackle Jordan Mailata, former AFL player and Seattle Seahawks punter Michael Dickson and another retired AFL footballer in San Francisco 49ers punter Mitch Wishnowsky.

The list goes long beyond these names and is only continuing to grow with the NFL's International Player Pathway program. Players in this program are given the opportunity to play in one of the world's most popular sports leagues. The league hopes that by heading to Australia, they can grow the game and the program.

While we'll have to wait a whole season of football before the league touches down in Australia, it's only going to grow the NFL fan base. As NFL commissioner Roger Goodell continues his mission to grow the game internationally, he and many NFL employees and fans are becoming more excited for the future of American football.

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The NFL expands its reach internationally by planning future games in locales like Australia.

Etown Athletics introduces Random Hazard Leagues

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Elizabethtown College Athletics is hoping to introduce new leagues involving random hazards to revitalize interest in sporting events.

Attendance during the most recent lacrosse match was down from the previous game, as the audience was roughly two and a half people lower than the last game. This drop encouraged Etown Athletics to increase audience attendance, which led to the creation of "Random Event Leagues." Games in these leagues will feature Elizabethtown College Athletics staff activating various hazards and obstacles for players to operate around.

Some of the potential hazards players will have to contend with involve wild and hungry bears being released onto the field, high-power laser pointers given to the audience, an entire marching band carrying out a twenty-minute performance, multiple balls being in play at once and a mysterious object referred to as "The Giga Ionizer."

A trial "random hazards" game occurred last week with a match between the women's and men's lacrosse teams.

The match started with every player wearing goggles that forced them to view the world from an upside-down perspective until the end of the first quarter. Plays throughout the first quarter were few and far between, as players almost seemed unable to move with the restriction of the upside-down goggles.

The Elizabethtown Area High School marching band carried out a halftime show, which continued during the game until the last four minutes of the third quarter. Roughly 12 shots were blocked by the seven tuba players the band had brought.

The fourth quarter commenced with a bright light that enveloped roughly half the field. It was impossible to tell what was happening during this phenomenon, but a noticeable number of players seemed to vanish afterward.

The final score seemed to be 15-23, but officials are still deliberating on this. Fake balls that would take away a point—were launched onto the field several times, making it extremely difficult to determine the score at any given moment.

We attempted to interview one of the players, but they ran away screaming before we could ask them anything. The audience seemed to enjoy the new direction sporting events were taking. Most of them said they were astonished by the new additions to the game.

"What is wrong with you people?!" one excited audience member said.

Despite the seemingly positive reception to their new idea, Etown Athletics staff are having trouble finding players who want to join their "random hazards" leagues.

Only time will tell if this new and exciting branch of Etown sports will lead to an exciting new category of exhilarating sporting events.

Photo courtesy of Mya Graybill, Etown Athletics

Elizabethtown College Athletics are looking into new and exciting ways to engage sport-loving audiences with additions like rabid bears and marching bands.

How to Combat Sleepiness for Elizabethtown Students and Athletes

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Sleep is probably one of the most critical things regarding one's health. I know I feel better after getting like 10 hours of sleep in a night when I only meant to get seven hours. However, people may not have the time to sleep as they need to work on assignments, presentations and other similar responsibilities. One will inevitably struggle with tiredness throughout their everyday activities as they lack the time to get enough sleep. Thankfully, people can circumvent these issues by taking a few precautions while starting their day.

Now, I know I wrote an article about balancing sleep and work last issue, which seems to contradict my points in this article. That article was incredibly wrong, as sleep is ultimately unnecessary if you have more important things to do like finishing a research paper three weeks before its due date. It is perfectly fine to sacrifice two, three or five hours of sleep to achieve an absurdly high GPA.

The best way to circumvent sleepiness comes from the obvious solution: Coffee! Just keep drinking coffee until you feel awake, and you can power through any assignment you need to get done. Just be careful not to drink too much coffee, as I'm pretty sure you can end up with severe health issues. I didn't bother looking that up, since it just makes sense that you'd end up with hypertension or something similar if you down six mugs of coffee in a day.

Of course, the best thing you can do is to get some really good coffee. The stuff at the Marketplace is fine, but obviously you aren't going to get strong and rich flavors from it. You can get some good coffee from the Jay's Nest, since they tend to have wacky flavors like peppermint or cinnamon and they're honestly not too bad. There's also a Dunkin' that opened relatively recently, but you have to walk all the way from your dorm room to it. Too much time is wasted, and every minute counts when you have to proofread the same paper for the sixth time in a week.

Honestly, I'm too tired to write an actual conclusion to this article, so I'm just going to copy and paste something random from my previous Etownian works before falling asleep.

Additionally, one should not underestimate the power that public opinion has on one's response to something. Even if one is unaware of the benefits mentioned above regarding chicken noodle soup, most people have presumably had a warm bowl of the commonplace stew during an illness at some point in their lives because of the preconceived notion that it helps one contend with said illnesses. This then brings forth the placebo effect- the phenomenon wherein believing that something can help with an issue like nausea causes the brain to work in conjunction with the body to reduce that symptom, according to the Harvard Medical School- and allows chicken noodle soup to provide psychological benefits. However, regardless of whether one knows of the health benefits of this well-known dish, everyone can agree on what the best benefit of this dish is: the satisfaction one can receive after eating a bowl of this tasty delicacy!

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Oh shoot, I need to write something here, don't I? Uh...So, how about the weather? It's been pretty good recently, yeah?just

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Native Plant Species Around Campus Thrive

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Elizabethtown College is known for a variety of things. Students celebrate traditions like the Marshmallow Game, we walk out of class and appreciate the welcoming smell of chocolate days, and we visit the mineral gallery of the Master's Center and appreciate the collection. ~~There are some aspects of Etown's campus~~ that are just so beautiful they're hard not to appreciate.

Walking out around campus one beautiful afternoon with Dr. Bridge and a small group of environmental science majors, we explored the native plant life of campus. Dr. Bridge was kind enough to point out a variety of native plant species that most students most likely see every day. From local native wildflowers to native tree species, an astonishing variety of naturally occurring and planted native species cover the campus.

"Dr. Bridge opened our eyes to the unique diversity here on our campus, most of which I had no idea was native to Pennsylvania," first-year environmental science major Nolan Yost said.

Our small group's adventure began just behind the Masters Center and moved toward Leffler Chapel & Performance Center, a group of native Serviceberry Trees lined the path moving down the stairs. The native wildflower Virginia Spring Beauties claimed the surrounding area. Within view, we could also see some native trees, the White Pine and some Native Oaks to be specific. I should also point out to all readers who enjoy the popular Nutella spread that the hazelnut tree is also native to this area.

Walking towards the Academic Quad and around the Master's Center, Dr. Bridge pointed out some of the native milkweed, New York ironweed and swamp rose mallow surrounding Lake Placida. While the academic quad represents a lot of beautiful tree species, some, while stunning, like the cherry trees with their stunning pink leaves, are less than native. Walking around Hoover Center, the native Virginia bluebells, the Allegheny spurge and the native dogwood could all be seen. Moving onwards and walking around Nicarry Hall, we were surrounded by golden groundsel and the native Jacob's Ladder. After passing under the bridge connecting Nicarry Hall to Wenger Center for the Humanities, we were welcomed by the towering native willow oak. As Dr. Bridge pointed out, some of these native trees on campus have small plaques containing the tree species name and a small image underneath for easy identification. This plaque represents an ongoing project that groups want to keep going on campus in order to allow for easier identification of these plant species.

Walking from Wegner towards Steinman Center for Communications and Art, we could now appreciate the local native yellow false indigo. Moving

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Etown Students Celebrate Pride through Drag

Courtesy of Megan Spiegelberg

The crowd in the KAV went wild for the queens during and after the show.

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On Friday, April 5th, the third annual Campus Queens show took place. By the show's opening at 9 o'clock at night, every single chair in the KAV was filled with students buzzing with energy and excitedly waving pride flags.

The show was made possible by Darcey Mills and the Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging as a part of the larger Etown PRIDE event lasting for all of April. The reason for PRIDE being in April is because Pride Month– June– is taken over by the summer break.

Five drag queens made an appearance at Campus Queens. Betty Whitecastle and Lizzie Beaumont

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Russo Memory Honored by Performance and Scholarship

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The first year of college is full of challenges and new experiences. Many people are forced out of their comfort zones and discover new things about themselves. However, for some Elizabethtown College first-years who were involved in theater, this school year also forced them to face loss; the loss of their classmate and fellow theater-lover Joseph "Jo" Russo.

In February, Russo was found unresponsive in his campus dorm room by emergency personnel. The students, faculty and staff were notified via an email from the administration about the tragic loss.

How do you say goodbye to a classmate who was taken from this world too soon? For members of Sock and Buskin, Etown's theater club, the answer came quickly: put together a performance and a scholarship in Russo's name.

These ideas became a reality thanks to donations through Etown's Power of One Day and a benefit concert in March. In order to create an impact scholarship, Sock and Buskin needed to raise $10,000. They received approximately $5,577. in donations, and the College President Betty Rider agreed to subsidize the remaining amount.

Courtesy of Rachel Merchiore

The theater club hung Russo's necklace and added his name to the wall of seniors.

"That was like a dream because we had no idea that we were going to raise that much money and that it was going to get this much recognition from people that high up in administration," first-year Claire Grau said.

Grau is an occupational therapy major and has participated in "The Language Archive", Plays in a Day, the One Act Festival and "Melancholy Play" this school year.

She has been involved in theater since she was eight and has participated in theater at the College since she started her first semester. She says she was more than willing to help organize this benefit to honor her classmate and friend.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

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Subscribers to Disney Plus beware — Disney plans on cracking down on password sharing for the popular streaming service sometime in June.

Coming off the heels of an intense proxy fight with investor Nelson Peltz to retain his seat on the Walt Disney Company's board of directors, Bob Iger has revealed plans to begin cracking down on password sharing among Disney Plus account holders. There will be an initial rollout in a few countries, but according to an article by Android Authority, all markets will have the policy applicable come September.

The move to switch over to a new password model was announced earlier this February, with emails sent to account holders detailing changes to Disney Plus's terms of service. Included in these updated terms of service is a clause about the use of the account details with those outside of an account holder's immediate family, as well as a monitoring of activity to ensure that this information is kept that way.

As is well known among disgruntled cinemaholics and group watchers alike, Disney Plus isn't the only streaming service that has a tight grip on how their accounts are used. Netflix was the first to really bring down the hammer with password sharing, and due to the noticeable rise in subscriptions that they'd gotten since doing so, it looks like Disney is eager to bring in that same growth.

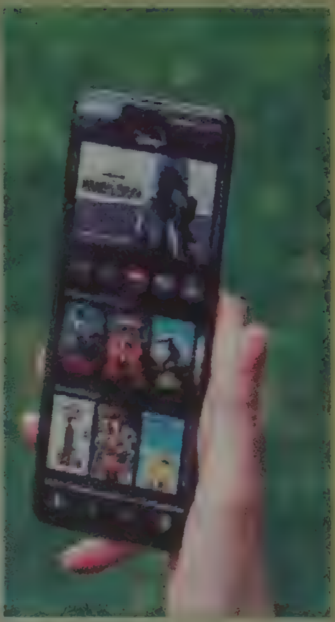
In contrast to the optimistic outlook that the service provider has about stricter account restrictions, there is a discourse among consumers about this decision. There is worry about the level of inflexibility this has for people whose accounts here at Elizabethtown College's student body, opinions are harsh in regard to this upcoming change.

"I don't really understand the necessity to crack down on passwords when you're already a billion-dollar company," biochemistry and molecular biology dual-major Amelia Ingersoll said. "They're just trying to milk people for more money because they found that Netflix didn't tank when they did the same thing."

A motivating factor behind Disney's decision to limit password sharing is likely to make up for profit losses in recent years following the company's head-long dive into the streaming service market. According to Iger in an interview with CNBC, they were losing up to $4 billion per year during Bob Chapek's stint as CEO — a motivating factor for Iger's return to assume control of the company again — and that there needed to be a massive overhaul in order to make the company profitable again.

"I think that as of recent, Disney's former big hitting studios aren't doing as well and the money they were earning when they first bought those studios just isn't enough," Ingersoll said. "I think that their streaming is a way to earn back their financial losses from their most recent project failures."

Regardless of customer concerns, Disney is still planning on continuing this rollout in June, hoping to overhaul their current streaming and content plan in order to maximize product quality and increase their financial gains.



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Crackdowns on password sharing prevents many users from accessing Disney+ without expense.

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Etown Drag Show Follows Canceled Lancaster Drag Reading

opened the show with jokes and music that hyped up the crowd. During the show, the five queens took the stage, demanding the attention of attendees as they unveiled their intricate costumes and struck impressive dance moves. Vilory Holl, Shae Good, and Samara Lanegrá (who was cast on Drag Latina Season Two), each had solo lip-sync performances and were cheered on by the crowd, who offered the queens tips.

Second-year student Olivia Pituch says that she had a wonderful time at the event, despite not knowing exactly what to expect. "[Campus Queens] was… one of my first immersion experiences in the LGTBQ+ community. It was really cool to be in an environment with other Etown students and faculty. I was surprised to see very little negative reaction to the event, though I might just not have noticed it. All of the queens were incredible. The event as a whole was safe and a lot of fun!"

The Campus Queens events happened during uncertain times in the world of drag in central Pennsylvania. A drag queen story hour with Miss Aime Vanité was scheduled to be hosted at the Lancaster Public Library on Saturday, March 23. It was abruptly canceled on the morning of the event because a "suspicious package" assumed to be an explosive device was delivered to the building, according to WGAL.

Voters in Mountville Borough and East Hempfield Township have decided to withhold tens of thousands of dollars each to the Lancaster Area Public Library until it can be agreed upon that no drag queen story hour events ever be held there again. The voters, particularly the parents, are uncomfortable with drag queens reading LGBTQ+ material to children of the community.

"The libraries are very, very low funded. They really need this money at this Mountville library that serves so many people. It's very sad that we're doing this in our community. We need to work together. The library is really a source for everybody," said one local to the Lancaster area, Pat Ditzler, to WGAL.

The drag fun will continue on April 14 with Queens who Brunch, which will be held at the House of Music, Arts and Culture in Harrisburg at 11 in the morning. Betty Whitecastle, Lizzie Beaumont, and other drag queens will be at this queer-friendly event! Admission is twenty-five dollars.

Knowledge of the struck-down drag story hour might have made some attendees concerned for their safety at Etown's Campus Queens, but, in the end, the event was a success. The queens had a very popular performance; their hard work is obvious in their expertise.

In spite of the lingering fear of violence and public pushback at drag events, Etown College's Campus Queens was one that was full of love, acceptance, and PRIDE.

Pennsylvania Politics

Local culture war politics and delivery of public services were in the spotlight last week in East Hempfield Township, when township supervisors voted to withhold funding to the local Lancaster Public Library. This story began back in March when the Lancaster Public Library announced that it was planning to have a drag performer, Christopher Paolini (known professionally as Miss Amie Vanité), come in and read several children's books while in drag. This idea seemed to be particularly popular with local families, as 300 families had signed up to participate in the event scheduled for March 23.

According to local news station Fox 43, several local politicians spoke out against the Drag Queen Story Hour in March, including Lancaster County's Republican County Commissioners and Pennsylvania House Minority Leader and Lancaster County State Representative Bryan Cutler who said that "hyper-sexualization of our children at publicly supported institutions must come to an end." On the morning of March 23, the day of the event, story hour was canceled when the library received a bomb threat from an anonymous source.

The organization Lancaster Pride highlighted the bomb threat as exemplary of the threats that LGBTQ+ individuals deal with on a daily basis. Lancaster County Democrats Chair Tom O'Brien placed the blame for the bomb threats squarely on elected officials "adding to the flame." However, this was not the end of the story, as East Hempfield Township Supervisors held their bi-weekly meeting and decided to take more action. Republican Township Supervisor Scott Wiglesworth proposed cutting funding for the local Mountville library until library officials in Lancaster create written policies ensuring all future events will be non-political and another requirement that all future drag story hour events would be banned.

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.

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The Lancaster Library System was specifically targeted by the supervisors as culture war retribution for the library's planned Drag Queen Story Hour. The township annually provides $26,700 in public donations to support its local public library and all of this funding would be cut until the county-wide library board falls in line. Library board chairman Josh Schwartz promised not to schedule a drag queen story hour again in the near future, but he refused to promise to ban them outright.

East Hempfield Township Supervisors voted to cut the library funding along party lines, 4 to 1 with 4 Republicans voting for the cut and the lone Democrat voting against it. Wiglesworth and the other three Republicans said that it was not appropriate for a public library that receives tax dollars to hold a political event. Wiglesworth argued this was clearly an example of a political event, as the event was supported by Lancaster Pride. Bob Johnson, the only Democrat on the East Hempfield Board, argued that this would hurt local residents who wished to use the Mountville Library, while Schwartz denied accusations that this was a politically motivated event. According to LNP/Lancaster Online, during county and townships meetings this past week, residents of Lancaster County came out in support of both sides of the controversy, with residents like Marilyn Bradley arguing that the story hour was not intended to be political and therefore should not be reason enough for the township funding cuts to the library. Others like Wendy Voulopos said that the event should never have been held "in a publicly funded, taxpayer facility" and that the funding needed "conditions" to address taxpayer concerns.

Clearly, there are arguments that can be made about what constitutes appropriate programming for libraries and other sacred places of learning and education. The Mountville Library has been caught in the crossfire of Lancaster County's latest culture war.

SEEDS Club Promotes Ecological Efforts

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up the path toward Zug Memorial Hall, we found one of the campus's more iconic native tree species. This stunning Red Maple not only provides students with shade in the warmer, more sun-filled months, but it also provides a nice sitting area and the swing we all know and love. Looking down towards the distant Dell we could appreciate the native Paw Paw trees amongst the ever-towering other native tree species.

Curving up and around the Baugher Student Center (BSC) and the Brossman Commons turning back towards the academic quad near the Thompson Gym, we looked at more native plant species. Represented in this area were the native pagoda dogwood, the fruit-bearing May apples, and the partridge berry.

It was here that our grand tour ended and we spoke about the past ecological efforts on this campus. Dr. Bridge informed us of the efforts made by Sherrie Moyer from 2004 to 2014 as the Campus Horticulturist. In fact, it was Moyer who introduced the native paw paw trees to campus.

Looking now toward the future, it seems there are lots of opportunities for students who want to help. The Seeds Club on campus is very active with efforts relating to the plant life on campus as well as other events in the area. It seems that the future of our very own campus biome is in our hands and we must continue the effort.

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Lake Placida features many native species including the milkweed

Benefit Concert Acted as a Celebration of Life

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"He was involved with theater and he was our friend, so we wanted to memorialize him," Grau said. "We had three main ideas: the scholarship, to have some sort of concert and to put his name on the wall (with the seniors)."

"He's not a guy that you're going to forget," Grau continued. "He was just so joyous and funny… he was so, so funny."

Other organizers included Judas Foster, Julia Yudichak and Em Clark.

Clark said that the committee did its best to use other theater events as guidelines, but, "nothing like this has ever happened before, so nobody knew how to proceed."

Not only had this never been done before, it was planned and executed in four and a half weeks. That included sending out the call for performers, collecting the names of those interested, reserving a space, scheduling tech times and putting together a show order.

"It was a whirlwind," Grau said. "Looking back, we did a lot in four and a half weeks, but it didn't feel like it at the time."

All of the hard work paid off. The benefit had approximately 30 performers and enough attendees to fill most of the seats in the KAV.

"It was so rewarding seeing everyone come out for this," Grau said.

Many in attendance said it was a very emotionally-charged night. It was a celebration of life, but also a remembrance of a classmate and friend so soon after the loss.

"It was one of the most important things I think I will ever do in my college career. And I'm honored that I got the opportunity to be a part of this and make history and remember my friend in a way he would want to be remembered," Clark said.

"The response was astounding," Grau said. "I'm so grateful for everyone involved… the amount of community outreach and the amount of community feedback we had really restored my hope in togetherness."

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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With President Joe Biden calling for a ceasefire in Gaza last week, it is seeming that the war in the east is coming to a head, as leaders begin negotiating at least a temporary peace. This last Sunday, April 7, peace negotiations resumed as both Israeli leaders and a Hamas delegation headed to Egypt, under their invitation to host this talk. Under pressure both foreign and domestically, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government is under heat for how they have been handling the war and are now looking to find a compromise that will appease everyone.

The Saturday before, thousands of Israelis took to the streets once again to protest their government. Their demands have been to get fresh elections and to negotiate the return of all remaining hostages from Hamas. This could be the biggest issue for Netanyahu as although he seems willing to negotiate, there are claims that Hamas is not willing to and is instead waiting for pressure to capitulate Israel. However, one of his goals is still to eliminate Hamas completely, which is still dampening relations between the two groups.

Beyond domestic pressure, the Israeli government is also facing external pressure from its allies to come to a ceasefire. The biggest change is the United States, as Biden threatens to reassess the United States' support unless there are major changes done to how the war is handled. Biden's main concern is the humanitarian aspects of the fight and protecting aid workers. This came as a response to the killing of seven World Central Kitchen workers by Israel and how they have been treating Palestinian civilians. The White House has also been dealing with a growing frustration with Netanyahu's neglectful attitude when it comes to civilian casualties and how they claim he is easily willing to ignore them. However, even though the United States has become a supporter and pusher for the ceasefire, they are still holding onto the fact that Hamas needs to release their 135 Israeli hostages.

Speaking from the other side, Hamas is hoping that, through these negotiations, a ceasefire can happen in two days during Eid al-Fitr, an Islamic holiday celebrating the end of Ramadan. They still hold strong with their position on the hostage negotiations and release, with them still wanting a full withdrawal of all Israeli forces from the Gaza strip, the return of displaced Palestinians to the Northern part of Gaza and the exchange of Palestinian hostages. They wish only to restore a sense of peace and create a status quo with the Israelis and are very willing to support a ceasefire if they are given what they want as well.

At this point, there has been no definitive news coming out of Egypt in terms of a ceasefire. However both parties are optimistic that the other will be accepting to their terms, we will see if the optimism is true.

Business Buzz

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The year 2020 saw a decline in many prominent industries which thrived on face-to-face contact with others and experiences which required close proximity.

One example of this is the movie theater industry, which also had to deal with the rise of streaming and the convenience that came alongside it, due to a reduced cost and the availability to rewatch the movie at any time. Many local theaters closed during this time and even chains had to downsize their number of locations. Due to this, many may assume that the movie theater industry is still dying and unlikely to become popular again.

However, market trends and analyses conducted in January of this year actually spell out the opposite future for movie theaters. While the market currently is valued around $16.1 billion, it is expected to grow to $26.92 billion in the US alone. Globally, from 2024 to 2032, researchers expect the industry to continue to grow in a positive direction. In 2028, the industry as a whole is expected to grow to $87.6 billion.

Part of the success and increased engagement with movie theaters has been the trend of making a day around going to the theater. Rather than just promoting the movie, people and film companies have started to promote the experience around the movie. People on social media frequently post themselves going to the movie theaters and encourage others to do the same.

This was first observed on a major scale with the popularity of "Barbenheimer" in the summer of 2023, where consumers would see both Barbie and Oppeinheimer in the same day and dress accordingly with all pink for Barbie and all-black and more formal wear for Oppenheimer. People felt that they were a part of something special. Continuing that trend and within the same year, the Taylor Swift Eras Tour also increased domestic sales in the US due to its popularity and the community that fans of Swift brought to the theater.

Additionally, the experience of the movie theater is moving away from the traditional viewing experience. The food offered at the movies has greatly expanded past popcorn in a traditional bucket and now may include more options associated with a sit-down restaurant. In regards to subverting viewing expectations, Dolby and IMAX theaters, despite their higher cost when compared to regular tickets, offer surround sound and visual differences that the consumer cannot replicate in their home.

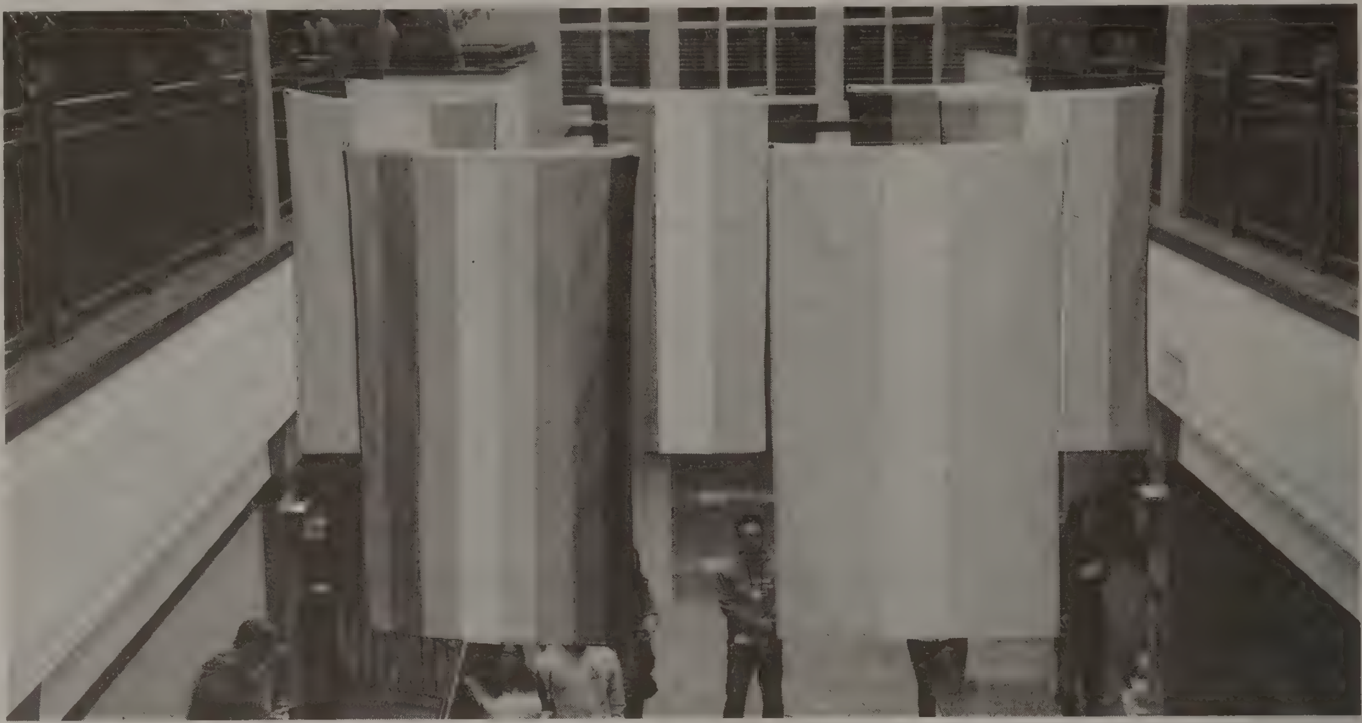
Even American Movie Classics (AMC), who had been facing all-time-lows when selling $250 million worth of their stocks and falling 14% in the stock market, had good news in the past months. "My good news on this Easter Sunday is that in March, the domestic industry box office finally turned upward. The best March in five years," CEO Adam Aron on X said. "This is so encouraging in looking at the movie slate deeper into 2024. Many superb movies are coming."

While it is easy to be pessimistic in the face of an industry that represents a distant past, the movie theater industry continues to innovate and optimize their experience to stay relevant and current. It is that understanding of consumers needs and wants that has kept the industry alive since its creation.

Consumer activity to come could still make or break the fate of the industry, as all predicted trends are still dependent on what the consumer ends up doing. Still, it seems that movie theaters have created a niche for themselves that has increased their staying power.

For all the movie-theater fans out there, supporting these local movie theaters and chains promotes community and togetherness in a way that streaming cannot yet emulate.

Campus community celebrates Etown Does Pride



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Members of the Elizabethtown College campus community gathered at noon on April 1 at to celebrate the beginning of celebrations for the third annual Etown Does Pride. The events planned for Etown Does Pride aim to bring visibility and awareness to members of the LGBTQ+ community as well as celebrate their bravery and achievements.

The initiative was launched by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging (DEB) and the Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) three years ago and was led by Darcey Mills, the director of the DEB and Samhar Almomani, a fourth-year public health major and the then-president of GSA. The intention behind celebrating pride in April is that most students are home over the summer, when Pride is generally celebrated, which means that members of the LGBTQ+ campus community are unable to celebrate together. Etown Does Pride gives them the opportunity to celebrate their identities with other members of Etown's LGBTQ+ community.

The month's celebrations were kicked off with a flag raising event that included a slate of speakers and an opportunity to write messages of support for the LGBTQ+ community. The flags that are now raised in the BSC Concourse will remain there for the entirety of April, to increase the visibility of Etown's diverse sexualities and gender identities.

Speakers at the event shared their personal stories and experiences of being members of the LGBTQ+ community and included: Darcey Mills; third-year public health major and President of Student Assembly Brendan Guy; Assistant Director of Student Activities and Commuter Engagement Brooke Hollinger; and second-year biology major and Vice President of GSA Samhar Almomani.

The diverse slate of speakers allowed members of the campus community to understand the many experiences that LGBTQ+ students, staff and faculty go through. Some speakers chose to discuss how their upbringing influenced who they were today, some talked about recent experiences that they have had and some urged attendees to keep working to ensure that Etown Does Pride and other Etown LGBTQ+ initiatives remain in place years from now.

Due to the rain, attendees were not able to chalk on the BSC patio messages of support, as had been the tradition in past Etown Does Pride kick-offs. However, attendees were able to stop by the GSA table at the BSC Concourse and write messages of support on sticky notes that will be displayed on the first floor of the BSC throughout the month of April.

"I am glad that we had such a great turnout," second-year biology pre-med major and President of GSA Alysse Smith said. "I think it is very important for students, staff and faculty to come together and share their experiences in order to be reminded that they are not alone and that the support systems they need exist around them."

Smith understands the importance of ensuring that a club such as GSA remains active and works towards providing a safe space for Etown students. After being secretary of GSA last year, Smith decided to step up and take the role of president to ensure the continuity of the club. Smith has also worked towards securing a hardworking executive cabinet that is dedicated to helping LGBTQ+ students.

Etown's campus has undergone many changes in the past few years in terms of providing support for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Other than the institutionalization of Etown Does Pride, Etown has expanded the Stonewall LGBTQ+ housing community and implemented policy changes to create a safe space for LGBTQ+ students. However, speakers emphasized that these changes were not guaranteed. These changes occurred due to members of the community working together to establish those changes, which means that if those members were not there, the campus community may have never seen those positive steps towards LGBTQ+ visibility.

"People at Etown move the campus towards more equity," Smith said. "It was not guaranteed that we would celebrate Etown Does Pride this year, let alone even ever start celebrating it three years ago. These remarkable changes happened due to the hard work and diligence of not only GSA but the DEB Office and other members of the campus community."

There are several events occurring this month, such as the Crafts & Conversation Rock Painting event on at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 in the BSC Bird Cage and an event about LGBTQ+ identities in anime at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. in Nicarry 232. Members of the campus community are encouraged to check out upcoming Etown Does Pride events.

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Check out upcoming Etown Does Pride events here.

Nigerian Pastor Finds Home in Etown

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Being a priest can be a lonely job. But, could you imagine how lonely it can be to live on the other side of the world, not seeing your friends and family for years on end?

Father Bernard Oniwe is living that experience. Through his work, he is maintaining a welcoming environment to his parishioners and to Elizabethtown College students.

"It is very hard not seeing my family, sometimes for years," Oniwe said.

Oniwe is the pastor at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. He offers several different mass times for the community to attend every Saturday and Sunday. He also holds a mass particularly for Etown students at 1 p.m. on Sundays.located at the smaller St. Peter's Church on Market Street in Elizabethtown.

Oniwe is from Nigeria. He lived there for most of his life,but moved to the United States and has been here for the past 20 years: He has four siblings, three of which live with his mother in Nigeria.

"When I miss them, I call them on the phone. Sometimes, I do a video call with them. I keep reminding myself I'll see them soon the next time I get to go on vacation," Oniwe said.

Oniwe says he wanted to become a priest because he felt God's call.

"I was also drawn to offering up my life in the service of others. It's a response to divine call and an act of charity for the salvation of souls," Oniwe said.

Even though Oniwe is so far away from home and his family, he says he was easily able to make Etown his second home. A number of Etown students also say they have come to feel like they are a part of Oniwe's family. One of them is Connor Albeck, a first-year at Etown

"If there's one thing that Father Bernard [Oniwe] does best, it's fostering a welcoming, warm community. Whether you're Catholic or just a friend, Father makes everyone feel loved, which is key in building a community amongst people of all different backgrounds. Father Bernard makes you feel at home, almost a part of his family," Albeck said.

It is very clear that Oniwe takes the time to get to know each member in the Etown community, according to Michael Young,a fourth-year at Etown.

"Father Bernard is an excellent priest to be serving the Etown community because he gets to know each person who comes to mass," Young said. "He even reached out to me a couple weeks ago when I coincidentally went home for a couple weekends in a row to make sure everything was okay."

According to Albeck, Oniwe is not only a great priest but a great friend and mentor.

"It is truly amazing to see the amount of time and effort that Oniwe puts in to maintain a warm and welcoming environment," Albeck said. "He's a great man and a great leader, and he's someone that has inspired me alongside many others to care for and grow your local community. It all starts with a stretched out hand."

Oniwe says he has made himself comfortable to the Elizabethtown community.

"I particularly feel and call Elizabethtown home for me at this time, especially when the lovely aroma or smell of chocolate fills the air," he said. "The people of my parish and Elizabethtown College campus make me feel at home here."

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Father Oniwe said the Etown campus community makes him feel at home in America.

Philadelphia Ballet performs "Bailando can Maria" at Etown

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On April 6 at 2p.m., Elizabethtown College invited Philadelphia Ballet to perform in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center "Bailando con Maria" by the Philadelphia Ballet II. This original ballet arranged by PBII Director Eddy Tovar shared the story of a young girl named Maria. She lives in Mexico and has a passion for dance, which is opposed to her parent's dreams. As they want her to become a doctor or a soccer player, it conflicts with her wants and desires to be able to go to a dance school.

One day Maria shared her dreams with her teacher and was told that there was a dance school not far away from where they were. As soon as Maria knew where the school was, she registered and started dreaming about what she would do in the future as a professional dancer. Maria dreamt and dreamt. Every dream led her to a different country like Cuba, Brazil and many other Latin American countries where she performed cultural dances from Mexican folk dance to flamenco, tango, salsa and more.

The Philadelphia Ballet is captivating and inspiring, it has a ranked as of one of America's foremost regional ballet companies. The piece performed at the College "Bailando con Maria", was their second time performing with 8 dancers in total that goes from an age range of 14 to 20 years old.

"How long did it take for all the dances to be executed?" an audience member asked.

"The different dances were choreographed by 2 professionals, and it took a few months to all come together," Tovar said. "All these dancers here have worked hard even with heavy schedules from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m."

All the dancers were asked how many years they had spent doing ballet, the general answer was about 10-plus years. Most have left their home state and countries to make their dreams come true just like Mariato become professional dancers.

"Even if some days are harder than others with pain shooting down your whole body, it is all worth it in the end because I learn how to enjoy the good and bad moments because that is what I love to do," one of the dancers said.

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The Philadelphia Ballet is captivating and inspiring, and they are ranked as of one of America's foremost regional ballet companies.

Etown's news station continues to thrive under new leadership

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ECTV broadcast a wide variety of events including the college's sports, campus affairs and original series created and produced by students.

Quiet in studio, quiet on set: Ready camera one, take camera one.

Adam Dalle Pazze has become very familiar with these phrases over the past couple of months.

At the start of this semester, Dalle Pazze took on a new role — station manager of Elizabethtown College Television, ECTV.

Although he has been involved with the station since he was a first-year, the now second-year Communications major is stepping up as the head of the organization, a role he feels very ready for.

"I've always liked working with cameras and technical equipment," Dalle Pazze said. "I did camera work, lights and sounds for my high school, so I've always had a passion for video production and ECTV was the next step to getting into the video production industry."

ECTV is the student-run television station run through Etown's Communications Department, established in the late 1980s. The station broadcasts a wide variety of events including the college's sports, campus affairs and original series created and produced by students. Not only does it reach the student body of Etown, but it extends to over 25,000 homes in the Elizabethtown region.

If you're looking to watch campus news, a livestream of Mad Cow Improv, or Jaypardy (a Jeopardy-like game show), the content can be found on the station's YouTube channel, ECTV 40.

The program greatly impacted former station manager and fourth-year, Abigail Lindsay.

"During my first semester, I knew that I wanted to get involved in student media, but I always assumed it would be with the Etownian because I did our school's equivalent in high school," Lindsay recalled. "I remember walking into the studio for the first time as a student and feeling the same rush of excitement I had after writing my first news article in high school. The rest was history."

Lindsay is weeks away from graduating from Etown, but her transition out of school has been made easier, thanks to ECTV.

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> *~Abigail Lindsay*

"The skills I have learned in ECTV have translated into my internship with WGAL [the NBC-affiliate in Lancaster] through both the technical but also leadership skills," Lindsay said. "The connections that I made through my involvement in student media and in the communications program as a whole with the professors and faculty, have also greatly aided me in getting opportunities outside of Etown."

Along with the importance of presenting news, Dalle Pazze sees another advantage to the program for the college. The opportunities provided "shows their students' creativity," Dalle Pazze said. "At the same time, it is a gateway for students to the TV/media."

As far as the future goes, Dalle Pazze expects to see continuing growth.

"I hope to get more underclassmen involved; we have a lot of seniors graduating so we need to get more people involved," Dalle Pazze said. "With this large incoming first-year class and the current second-years taking the video production course, we can get a good amount of people interested in ECTV and create opportunities for them to get experience in whatever field they want to."

Photo Courtsey Elizabethtown College

ECTV is the student-run television station run through the Communications Department, established back in the late 1980s.

In honor of the sun, what flower are you based on your zodiac?

by Chandler McGuire
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Have pigs finally learned to fly, Jays? Could it be that the sun has finally decided to make an appearance? Sure, we've had our fair share of rain this month, but you know what they say: "April showers bring May flowers". The sun has shined its way through the clouds a few times, even if it did get covered up by the moon at one point. To celebrate the sun coming out to join us, this week's edition of the Horoscopes is what flower you are based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising to make your perfect bouquet!

Aries: You are a lavender. This purple flower is indigenous to parts of Western Europe and part of the Mediterranean region. The Ancient Romans believed that it had healing properties and used it medicinally. Lavender represents devotion and grace.

Taurus: You are an amaryllis.This tropical flower is native to western South Africa. It borrows its name from the Greek myth of Amaryllis and Alteo. These flowers were first grown commercially by the Dutch. The amaryllis is said to represent pride.

Gemini: You are a nasturtium. This bright flower is native to South and Central America. In Europe, these flowers were brought over by a Dutch scientist and named "Capucine cresses" because they resemble the hood of Capuchin monks. Nasturtium represents a victory in battle.

Cancer: You are a malva. This plant is native to Europe, Western Asia and north Africa. We get the color 'mauve' from the French name for the flower. People use malva to treat small cuts and burns. They represent defense or protection.

Leo: You are a tiger lily. Tiger lilies are indigenous to China, Japan, Korea and Eastern Russia. Some believe that putting tiger lilies in your house can ward away evil spirits. Tiger lilies represent wealth and prosperity.

Virgo: You are a gladiolus flower. These flowers are native to Africa and Asia. Gladiolus flowers get their name from the Latin word for 'sword', probably because of how tall they are with an average height of 2-6 feet. The gladiolus flower represents loyalty.

Libra: You are a lotus flower. White lotus are native to Africa, Asia and Australia while the pink lotus is only native to Australia. This flower has water purifying properties and is being used to clean polluted waters. The lotus represents enlightenment.

Scorpio: You are a marigold. These flowers are subtropical and are native to Mexico. Marigolds are natural insect-repellents, so gardeners will plant them next to their more precious plants. The marigold represents passion and creativity.

Sagittarius: You are an iris. They are native to the Northern Hemisphere and thrive in cold areas. This flower gets its name from Iris, the Greek goddess of the rainbow. Irises represent wisdom and hope.

Capricorn: You are an aster flower. They are native to North America, Europe and Asia. In Greek, aster means star, appropriate considering the flower's shape. Aster flowers represent patience and faith.

Aquarius: You are a cattail. You can find cattails in wetlands located in the Northern Hemisphere. Fireworks sometimes use cattails because they are excellent firestarters. Cattails represent peace and prosperity.

Pisces: You are a zinnia. They are native to North and South America and borrow their name from German botanist, Johann Gottfried Zinn. From 1931-1957, zinnias were Indiana's state flower. Zinnias represent goodness and lasting affection.

Photo Courtesy of Jeffery Hamilton

Marigolds are Scorpio's designated flower and are said to represent passion and creativity.

Learn About DaniRae Renno's Passion For Her New Position

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At the start of this semester, there were a few positions that became available at the Etownian due to members completing their time here at Elizabethtown College. Third-year journalism and professional writing double major DaniRae Renno took up the mantle of being the Etownian's managing editor, and is dedicated to continuing to work with her peers in her new position.

Renno originally wanted the Assistant Sports Editor position. She interviewed with the editors in the Blue Bean, where they discussed her experience and goals. The editors ultimately decided she wasn't the best fit for this position, but they had something else in mind for her.

"While I didn't get the role, the editors emailed me and said the Assistant News Editor position was open and they thought I would be better suited for that role. I applied, and since I had already interviewed, I was accepted!" Renno said.

After working as the Assistant News Editor, Renno found herself wanting to get more involved with the Etownian. After Chandler McGuire moved into her new role as the Editor-In-Chief, she encouraged Renno to interview for the Managing Editor position. She was so excited to start in her new role and continue working with her fellow Etownian employees.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with. It's been amazing to work with the editors from every section. The friendships I've been able to form this semester have been so fun and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Renno said.

As the Managing Editor, Renno has quite a few responsibilities to take care of throughout the week. She starts her week by copy editing all of the articles from the different sections that come in on Sunday and Monday. Tuesdays, she helps lead the brainstorm meeting and takes notes during the meeting.

"It's one of my favorite parts because we get to check in with the full staff and listen to the amazing ideas they come up with!" Renno said.

Then on Thursdays, she goes to the newsroom around 6:30 p.m. and is there until around 11 p.m. for Production Night. She and McGuire split up the sections, make slight alterations to the Indesign file the section editors have put together and correct any mistakes that they may have missed. This is an incredibly important task, as the Managing Editor and the Editor-In-Chief are some of the last eyes that see the newspaper layouts before they are sent off to be printed.

"InDesign is definitely a challenge, especially because we have different versions of Indesign on each section, so you have to use specific computers. I like challenges though, and we always solve them by midnight," Renno said.

Renno's favorite part of being the Managing Editor is getting to work with all of the other section's editors and getting to copy edit all of the stories. "It's so fun to see everyone's different personalities and get closer with everyone over the semester, and it's fun to read the stories ahead of time!" Renno said.

Renno has had a passion for journalism since her time in high school, and the Etownian has given her a place to hone her skills, develop new skills and learn from others in her field. She appreciates that the Etownian has exposed her to many different types of journalistic writing and is grateful for the collaborative environment that allows her to learn more with other students interested in journalism. She specifically gives thanks to McGuire for helping to push her out of her comfort zone.

"Working with Chandler has helped me in so many ways. We all have shortcomings, and Chandler helps me grow in areas I wouldn't have otherwise. Working with her has been so beneficial to me as a journalist and a person," Renno said.

Renno hopes to work in print journalism after graduation, specifically focusing on political journalism, and credits her time as the Assistant News Editor as one thing that she feels is preparing her for that.

Photo courtesy of DaniRae Renno

Renno enjoys working with her peers on the Etownian's weekly release and likes to contribute to the warm and inviting environment.

This Exhilarating Thriller Will Keep You Guessing

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As an English major and avid reader, it is safe to say that I have read A LOT of books across varying genres. I love a good dystopian novel (e.g., my beloved "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins), realistic fiction ("The Perks of Being A Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky) and of course, the classics ("Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen). However, I have a soft spot for thrillers thanks to Gillian Flynn's "Gone Girl."

"The House Across the Lake" is a 2022 thriller by Riley Sager, the nom de plume of Pennsylvania-native Todd Ritter. Sager is known for his other popular book, "Final Girls."

I picked up the book at Target because of one reason: the epigraph quoted Taylor Swift's song, 'no body, no crime'. I am a simple girl. I see Taylor Swift and am immediately influenced.

I find that thrillers fall into three categories: mind-blowing, mediocre and the worst things you've ever read. The plot is reminiscent of many other thrillers. A widowed, alcoholic and lonely woman starts spying on her neighbors across the lake, a couple who keeps feuding. Then, the wife goes missing.

Of course, there is the added element of stardom as our main character, Casey Fletcher, is a nepo-baby actress with a Broadway-legend mother. Their relationship, obviously, is rocky at the very best. Everyone around the lake is famous in fact, the couple is Katherine, a former supermodel, and Tom Royce, an Elon Musk wannabe. Fletcher's other neighbor is Eli, an author with big hits in the '80s that reminds me of Stephen King.

Nonetheless, I thought that this would fall into the three-star category, a good read but nothing life-changing.

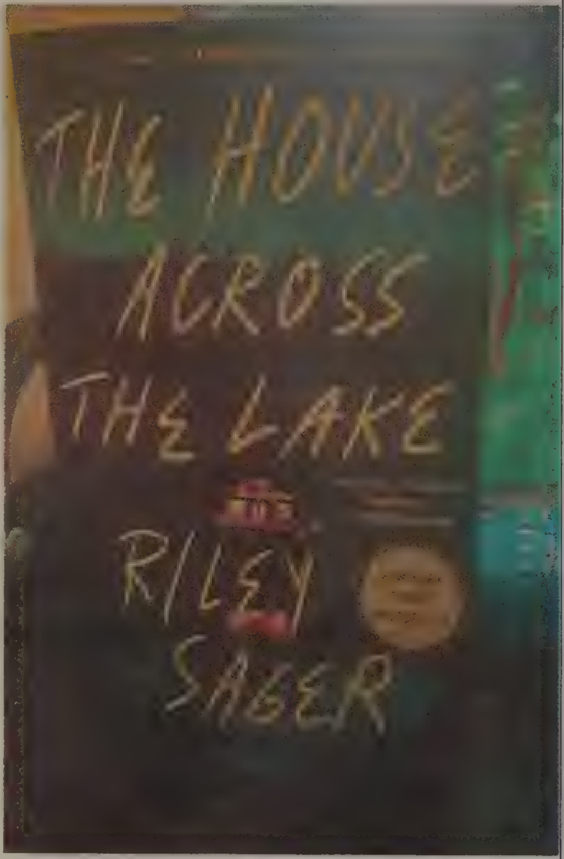
I cannot express to you how wrong I was. I ignored all of my other responsibilities to finish the novel. I genuinely debated skipping my class to finish the last thirty pages. (I didn't skip, no matter how much it pained me.)

Much to my friends' annoyance, I can guess plot twists incredibly well. Many of my friends refuse to watch horror movies with me because of that reason. After every few pages though, my theory changed. By the end of the book, I had about a couple dozen theories and all of them were wrong.

I hesitate to give you more information about this novel because I don't wish to spoil it. I jumped into the novel blind, not even reading the back cover (like I said, Taylor Swift is very powerful), and it was the best way to read this novel. You won't be able to pick your jaw up off the floor.

In March 2023, Netflix announced that they will be turning "The House Across the Lake" into an original movie. Paul Feig is set to direct. Feig's past directing experience include episodes of "The Office", "Ghostbusters (2016)" and "A Simple Favor."

If you are a fan of Sager's and/or interested in hearing him speak, Sager will be at Midtown Scholar in Harrisburg, Pa. on June 24. He will be discussing his new novel, "Middle of the Night". Jason Rekulak, author of "Hidden Pictures", will facilitate the discussion. Tickets are $34 which includes a general admission ticket and a signed novel. See you there!



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Be sure to check out "The House Across the Lake" before Netflix releases the movie.

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Apr. 17: Annual Student Awards Ceremony, Masters Center Lobby, 6pm-9pm

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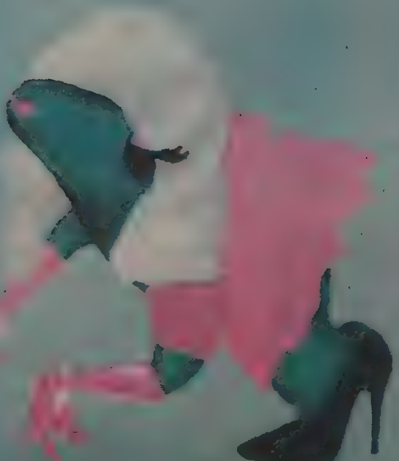
Most frogs turn into a prince when you kiss them, but Rory turns into a QUEEN!!



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Music Therapy Major Zakiyah Grayson on Their Life at Etown

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Elizabethtown College is home to all kinds of students with unique experiences and identities, and fourth year music therapy major Zakiyah Grayson is one of those individuals.

Zakiyah keeps themself busy on campus aside from their stacked course schedule. In their free time, they participate in EMotion as a dancer and choreographer, perform and help build sets for the Sock and Buskin theater program, are the treasurer of Alpha Si Omega and the secretary of the Bachelors of Art and Music Association. They also participate in music groups that count as classes such as orchestra, concert choir and Fenice.

When I asked Zakiyah what made them choose Etown as their college, they had a lot to say. They have always wanted to have music in their life, and they also have an interest in psychology, so they naturally gravitated toward music therapy. Zakiyah discovered Etown from a college fair, and when they visited, they said that "Etown has this very homey vibe." Despite liking Etown, it was not their first pick of college, coming second to another. Nowadays though, Zakiyah is glad they chose Etown due to the small campus vibe this college has.

I questioned Zakiyah about what their favorite aspect of Etown is, and they said that the homey feeling was their favorite quality. Due to the homey vibe and small campus population, they said they have had more opportunities to meet people since the campus is so tightly knit. Along with being close to peers, they said that having a smaller class size makes it easier for them to establish and grow relationships with the professors. The small campus size also lends better opportunities for getting help, be it help from professors or other campus resources.

Knowing how compact the Etown music therapy major is, I questioned Zakiyah about their experience. They said that being a music therapy major can be tough at times. For example, they have never had a semester where they took less than 10 classes. They said there are a lot of required courses which can make them overwhelmed at times. However, they also mentioned how rewarding the fieldwork they do can be, making the course load worth it. Zakiyah enjoys the fieldwork that music therapy majors do, and they especially like the early start they have, starting fieldwork by observing it as a first year.

As someone who uses they/them pronouns, I asked Zakiyah how their identity shapes their campus experience. "A lot of people have been good about it," Zakiyah said. They specifically recalled their second-year show, and how accepting the cast mates were, even when Zakiyah was still finding themself. Zakiyah also noted how many individuals they have met on campus that identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

This openness and seeing others like them surprised them in a good way, thinking that made Etown cooler overall.

The last question I asked was something every graduate student is familiar with: what are your plans for after? Zakiyah said they must do a 6–7-month internship, but they are not sure if they will go straight into it. Zakiyah wants to branch out and go further from home, but they are unsure if the internship will be paid, so that may complicate things. After Zakiyah does their internship, they would like to work in public schools. They want to improve access to mental health services in public schools by being the change they want to see.

Zakiyah's enjoyed their time at Etown overall. "I'm going to miss being able to join so many clubs and doing a lot of activities, as well as the people," Zakiyah said.

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Grayson has participated in "Melancholy Play" as well as several E-motion dances during their time at Etown.

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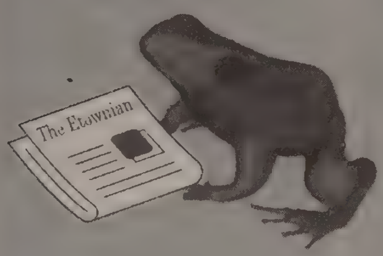

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

Like most colonial towns, taverns in Etown were a central part of the community. Two of the most prominent taverns from early Etown History are the Sign of the Bear Tavern and the Black Horse Tavern. The Sign of the Bear Tavern was built by Thomas and Mary Harris in 1747, and the Black Horse Tavern was built in 1757 by George and Susanna Redsecker.

Information taken from a 2017 student report on the History of Taverns in Elizabethtown Pa by Tyler Dunbar, Aprille Mohn, and Allyson Nace.

Bottle Debate: Owala or Stanley?

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Trend changes are everywhere, and the Elizabethtown College campus sees a lot of them: claw clips, regular or flair leggings, Nike or Adidas and baggy jeans. A new wave of color has been spreading like wildfire around Etown these past few months: Owalas. The vibrant bottles are even rivaling the persistent Stanley.

Throughout middle and high school, I remember the distinct water bottle trends and the quick pace with which they dissipated into forgottenness. This ultimately led to intense discussions and debates surrounding which water bottle was best.

Within the past two years, two major water bottles have made an appearance: the Stanley and the Owala. The former took the world by storm, appealing to customers because of its large size, easy-to-grasp handle and ability to fit in a car cup holder. For the same reason, the size is an advantage, it is also an implication for those who are fairly or unfairly labeled as "water bottle droppers." The Stanley's bulky size and shape quickly becomes a hindrance when faced with transportation or limited space.

A full turnaround from the Stanley, Owala water bottles are as creative as they are practical, with countless colors to choose from and regular color drops on their website. Mixing and matching Owala lids and bottles allows for personal individualization and the creation of unique color combinations.

On top of this, Owalas have a one-of-a-kind feature that has not yet been seen in any other modern water bottle: the FreeSip. The FreeSip allows users to easily navigate between using a straw or chug design without having to switch out the accessories.

Students at Etown acknowledge the fleeting nature of the trendy water bottle. "The quick evolution of water bottles is crazy," third-year Marissa Puleo said. Puleo is a big fan of the Owala, but she recalls the trends having changed throughout the years. "I always think it will slow down, but it feels as though there's always a new product or brand," Puleo said.

Although past water bottle trends were lost as easily as they were picked up, the Owala might be here to stay. Declining Stanleys and the exponential rise of Owala number and diversity depict more of a lifestyle than a trend.

"Once I saw Owala, I knew it was the one for me. Me and Owala are going the distance," third-year Riley Hennelly said. Hennelly has her go-to 40oz and two more bottles on the way. An Owala fanatic, Hennelly has declined to ever purchase another water bottle brand since her discovery.

The Stanley and Owala are tough competitors, but I will always side with Owala. Its flexibility of use, practicality and vivid and distinct colors all lead to the same conclusion: the Owala is the keystone species of the water bottle ecosystem. Once you use an Owala, you can never go back. Live, laugh, Owala!

Photo courtesy of Kate Wellons

Which watter bottle are you using to stay hydrated as the weathe warms up?

Meet Etown's Gamer's Guild

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If you have an affinity for digital adventures, Elizabethtown College's Gamer's Guild may be for you! Also known by its acronym EGG, the club boasts roughly 80 members in its Discord server, which all students are welcome to join.

Currently, the club's president is the Etownian's Assistant Sports Editor Neil Divins, who has participated in the Gamer's Guild since its inception in the spring semester of 2022 and initially held the position of secretary. Bella Horgan, the Etownian's Business Manager, Armin Reid and Isabel Mattivi serve as the other officers. The staff advisor is Katie Linebarger, an adjunct professor of psychology.

The Gamer's Guild meets every other week at 9:30 p.m. in Nicarry 203. During meetings, members can expect a chill vibe with a chance to play some games with friends. According to Divins, there are about eight to 12 members that regularly attend.

Any multiplayer games are welcome, and meetings often feature multiple games happening at once so members can play whatever interests them most. Games like "Mario Party" and "Smash Bros" make frequent appearances, though the club branches out into different genres such as horror with titles like "Phasmophobia."

"We're just a nice little community for people to have a hobby that a lot of people on campus probably share," Divins said.

Alongside meetings, the Gamer's Guild has hosted several events throughout the course of the semester. "Most of the events end up primarily falling into two categories," said Divins. "We've either had tournaments or we've had game nights."

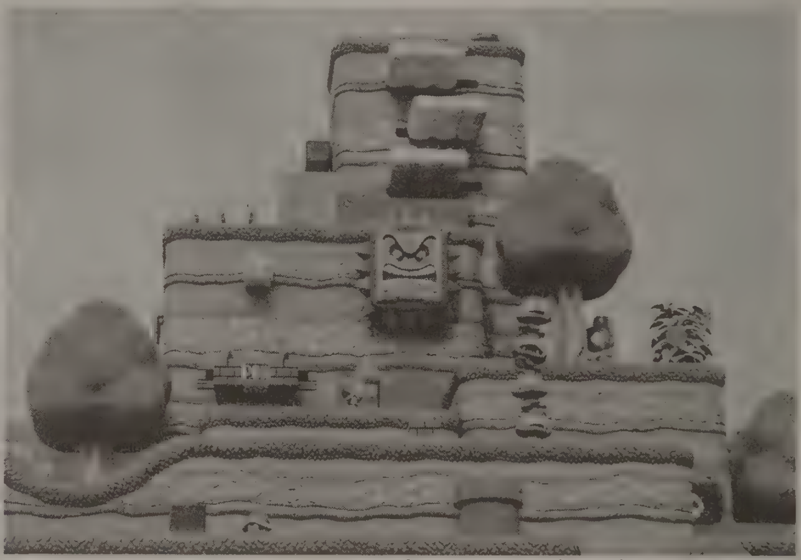
The game nights, according to Divins, are essentially expanded versions of the meetings. So, if you want to check out the club without fully committing to joining, the game nights are your chance. Highly popular games with opportunities for many players to participate at once, like the "JackBox Party Pack" series, are the ones most often enjoyed at these events.

Meanwhile, the tournaments are a little more formal. Students can sign up to compete against one another in set games. In the past, tournaments have included games like "Mario Kart" and "Smash Bros," with the most recent event pitting players against each other during some exciting "Pokémon Showdown" gameplay.

"[I'm] forever grateful for the little community we have now," said Divins. But even so, he hopes to expand the club to ensure it lasts beyond his graduation and becomes a staple part of Etown's campus.

If you're interested in joining, links to the Gamer's Guild Discord server can be found on the club's Instagram page, @ etowngamers. If you don't have Instagram, feel free to send an email to egg@etown.edu for an invite link or if you have any further questions about the club.

Most importantly, don't wait to join! The club's meeting times have varied between semesters, so you don't want to miss any information about when and where to find EGG at the start of the fall semester. And, according to Divins, the club may host some online events over the summer, like a few rounds of "Among Us", through the Gamer's Guild Discord server, depending on its members' interest.



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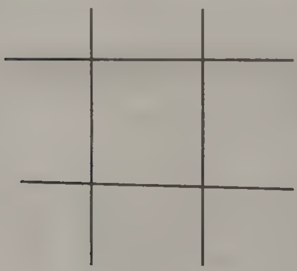
Etown's Gamer's Guild has played several Mario games, including "Mario Kart" and "Smash Bros".



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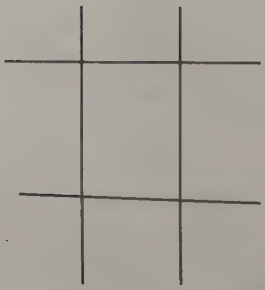

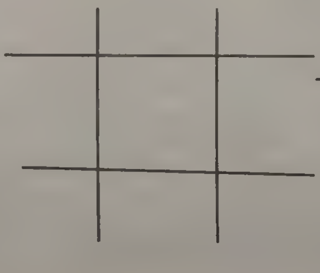

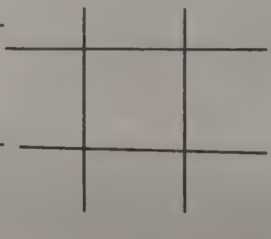

Blue Jay baseball sweeps Lycoming in doubleheader

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The Elizabethtown College baseball team got the best of Lycoming College last Sunday, April 7 in Williamsport, Pa. The Blue Jays took both games of a doubleheader, taking game one 8-5 and game two 5-3 in extra innings. These wins create a surge of momentum for Etown, as they continue their strong season and move to 17-7.

Game one saw a slew of Blue Jay batters have stand out performances. Second-year first baseman Quinten Perilli had himself a day with three hits in six at-bats, which included a double and a home run that extended Etown's lead to 4-0. Fourth-year right fielder AJ Bednar also came through in a big way. In the top of the first, he sparked a three run inning with an RBI single and once again came through with another base knock to give Etown a comfortable lead in the eighth. First-year catcher Griffin Partridge and third-year designated hitter RJ Agriss also drove in runs, each putting one across the plate with sacrifices.

There were also some strong appearances on the pitching side of things that paved the way for a game one victory. First-year pitcher Joey Smith got the start and hurled four innings of three run ball, one run coming in unearned. Fourth-year Justin Peterson took the bump in relief and went three innings of his own, allowing just one run and striking out four. Graduate student pitcher Zach Silfies got the nod for the final two innings and didn't disappoint. He'd strike out three and allow just one run to secure the 16th win of the season for the Blue Jays.

The story of the opening game was timely hitting, solid pitching and taking advantage of mistakes. The Blue Jays benefitted from six Lycoming errors that opened the door for a big win to start the day.

Game two was much more of a back and forth duel that saw the game go to extras, ending in 10. Both teams would find themselves down but wouldn't be out, trading blows. Once again, Lycoming would commit six errors, which gave Etown the momentum they'd need to stay in the game and eventually win 5-3.

On the offensive side, fourth-year second baseman Bryce Keller delivered the knockout blow. His two RBI single propelled the Blue Jays over the edge in extras for the 17th win of the year. Perilli once again proved to be a nuisance for Lycoming pitching and reached base five times. This included three walks, a hit by a pitch and a single, crossing the plate once. Second-year Mason Woolwine also had a big game at the dish with two singles and a walk, an effort that saw him put Etown in front in the seventh inning with an RBI single to left. Third-year catcher Joe Limongelli had the other RBI with a double down the line to get the scoring started in the fourth inning.

The second game of the doubleheader was another solid showing from the Blue Jays' pitching staff. Third-year pitcher Kyle Mulville got his seventh start of the year and had a nice outing, The starter went six and two-thirds of an inning, letting three runs across, but just one of those was earned. In relief, first-year pitcher Maximus Polun got Etown out of the inning and it'd be a shutout from that point on. After Polun got the out, Silfies once again came on for the final three innings and struck out six and allowed just one hit in a dominant scoreless outing to earn the win.

This strong team effort helped push the Blue Jays to a three-game winning streak and they now sit at 10-3 in Landmark Conference play. This upcoming weekend, the Blue Jays will travel to Immaculata, Pa. where they'll take on Immaculata University at noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 for another doubleheader.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Smith on Etown Athletics

Second-year outfielder Mason Woolwine proves to be a driving factor in Etown's doubleheader sweep.

South Carolina and UConn cap off the madness with hardware

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National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) fans, hopefully your blood pressure can lower because the appropriately named March Madness is officially over. People all across America either made their brackets just for fun or for monetary purposes. The American Gaming Association estimated that Americans bet over $2.72 billion on the tournament this year, and that's just through the legal outlets. Nevertheless, let's go over March Madness and see what teams claimed victory.

The University of Conneticut's Huskies and Purdue University's Boilermakers played the final men's game on Monday, April 8. The Huskies defeated the Boilermakers in a close 75-60 game. The Huskies' win made them the first team to win back-to-back championships since the University of Florida's Gators did the same back in 2007.

Coach Dan Hurley of the Huskies joins the elite duo of Billy Donovan and Mike Krzyewski for the only living coaches to have back-to-back championships. Donovan coached the Florida Gators before heading to the National Basketball Association (NBA) team, the Chicago Bulls. Kryzewski achieved his wins while at Duke University. He was offered the chance to coach an NBA team five times but turned them down to remain at Duke. This back-to-back means that Hurley may have a future career with an NBA team.

"You can't even wrap your mind around it because you know just how hard this tournament is," Coach Hurley said.

On Sunday, April 7, the women's championship concluded with the University of South Carolina's Gamecocks facing off against Iowa State University's Hawkeyes. The Gamecocks kept their undefeated streak, ending the game 87-75. This is the Gamecocks' third championship win and cements their place in history for the 10th time a perfect season has been achieved throughout the course of women's basketball.

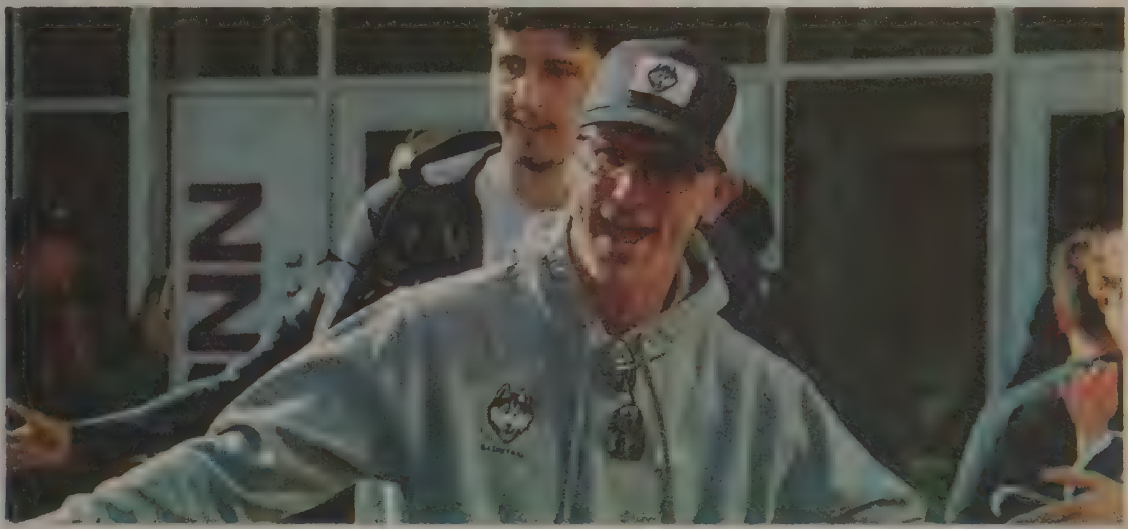
30 of the Hawkeye's 75 points were from Caitlin Clark, a name incredibly popular in the sports world right now. Although she wasn't part of the winning team, all eyes were all her. She recently broke the Division I men and women's scoring records and is going to the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) draft. The Hawkeyes announced on April 10 that they will be retiring her number 22, only the third person in the program's history to receive the honor.

Coach Dawn Staley of the Gamecocks recognized Clark after their win.

"I want to personally thank Caitlin Clark for lifting up our sport," Staley said. "She carried a heavy load for our sport."

According to the Associated Press, for the first time, the women's championship beat the men's in terms of viewership. Over 24.1 million people tuned into the women's final 15 minutes, while the men's averaged only 14.82 million. Important to note, this was the first time that the women's championship was broadcasted on network television.

After this round of March Madness, it's safe to say that NCAA fans could use a break until the season starts again in November. But, if you're missing the thrill of the game, the NCAA baseball season is on now until late June.



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Dan Hurley joins Billy Donovan and Mike Krzyewski as only living coaches to win back-to-back National Championships.

Video Game Review: "Paper Lily - Chapter 1"

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Considerable amounts of well-known horror games surprisingly originate from the role playing game (RPG) Maker software. Developers can take this program and craft terror from an entirely different genre. However, these games often end up restricted by their gameplay and fail to deliver a terrifying experience. Lackluster precedents do not mean certain styles cannot produce a satisfying product, though. For example, "Paper Lily: Chapter 1" crafts a frightening experience with satisfying exploration-based gameplay while sticking to its self-described "horror RPG" style.

Whereas most RPG Maker horror games infamously suffer from tedious & infuriating trial-and-error mechanics, "Paper Lily" enhances this gameplay style by making it about exploration rather than horror and harsh punishments for failure. Progression rarely restricts itself to one set path; puzzles usually feature multiple solutions, routes can suddenly open and close and consequences mostly involve losing access to a new path instead of a game over. It forces the player to think carefully and logically, since every choice could carry consequences, without drawing their ire.

This lack of severe consequences helps the game encourage the player to explore everything. One will almost always obtain seemingly unnecessary items, and the game inevitably leaves the player with several questions about things they missed out on when they reach the end of the game. These two elements draw out one's curiosity and inspire them to replay the game and find new paths and events. These repeat playthroughs usually net a reward, whether it comes from entirely new sections or other secrets.

When the game does punish the player for their choices with a game over, it never feels cheap. The bad endings one encounters during a typical playthrough always feature a logical throughline explaining why things go awry. For example, an early-game section features an easily discoverable bad ending that initially seems like the game tried to fool the player. However, the ending only occurs if one neglects details. The game does not hide any information, as the dialogue gestures slightly towards what one must do to solve the puzzle. The player only needs to give situations some thought to avoid these fatal ends.

The horror elements of "Paper Lily" do not always hold quality on par with the exploration, however. Every terrifying moment runs counter to a handful of goofy scares, some jumpscares fail to frighten and some moments veer away from scariness and towards uncomfortable and sudden edginess. The game also frequently dampens the shock of a sudden game over with a screen that feels like the developers googled various horror-related terms and downloaded the first result. It's an experience of extreme highs and lows, but thankfully the better moments far outweigh the worse parts in quality and quantity. Additionally, these scary moments are some of the most bone-chilling in the entire genre due to their ability to shock without tropes like loud noises.

"Paper Lily" also breaks away from the typical RPG Maker format by excellently developing its presentation and mechanics. While the menus and textboxes feel typical of RPG Maker projects, little details like the smoothness in character movement, the brief but uniquely presented tutorials and surprising shifts in gameplay that will not be spoiled in this review constantly showcase the level of time, care and quality that the developers exhibited towards this game while creating it. Not every mechanic works- using items feels frighteningly uncomfortable- but none of the unfavorable ones severely detract from the presentation or experience.

All in all, I give "Paper Lily: Chapter 1" an 8/10 and highly recommend it- if you can handle the serious topics the game touches on- especially since it's currently free! Just remember to consider supporting the developers if you can.

Photo courtesy of Neil Divins

Paper Lily - Chapter 1, a role-playing video game, can be found on Steam and earns an 8/10 in this video game review.

Men's and women's lacrosse teams find mixed results

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This past Saturday, April 6, the Elizabethtown College men's and women's lacrosse teams faced off against Drew University, with the women's side at home and the men's team traveling to New Jersey to meet the Rangers. The men's squad put up a 20-6 victory and moved to 5-5 on the season, but the women would unfortunately drop a tough one 11-24, now sitting at 4-5.

The men's side soared to a quick lead and dominated from there on out. Graduate student Riley Langen showed out early and often, finding the back of the net six times in this one. This fast start saw Etown set the tone after one quarter of play with Langen being the main culprit and would not be stopped.

Etown went back to their dominant ways in the second, outsourcing Drew 4-3 in the second quarter. While Drew tried to shift the momentum with a three goal swing, the Blue Jays settled back in with first-year Tristan Coleman scoring two goals to close the half.

Etown continued to fly through the rest of the match, as they'd score nine of the next eleven goals to make the final score 20-6.

The women's side struggled throughout the day, as Drew came onto Wolf Field on fire and beat the Jays 24-11. Etown went down within minutes and would not get back into this one. Fourth-year Sam Deiaco was a star for Etown and her goal in the early going gave the Blue Jays some hope, trying to shift the momentum, but Drew's 10 goal first quarter effort proved to be too much.

In the second, Drew continued their dominance. The Blue Jays would once again find success by way of Deiaco, who scored her second and third of the day, good for a hat trick. However, Drew had already pulled out to a 15-5 at the half.

The third quarter saw a continued strong effort from Deiaco, as she tried to will Etown back into it with a fourth goal.. However, Drew put this one out of reach with a 21-7 lead that proved to be insurmountable. While the Blue Jays scored three straight in the last quarter, Drew wouldn't stop putting on a suffocating offensive effort. Third-year Megan Gress fired a shot into the back of the net to make it 24-11, but that'd be all she wrote.

The Blue Jay lacrosse teams return to action against Moravian University on Wednesday, April 10, with the women away and men home, both at 4 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Mya Graybill on Etown Athletics

Second-year midfielder finds the net two times, but it wasn't enough in Saturday's loss to Drew.

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Science Department Receives Grant to Rennovate Labs

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The anatomy and physiology classroom at Elizabethtown College will be seeing major improvements over the summer of 2024.

A cadaver laboratory will be connected to the classroom, which will greatly benefit learning opportunities for students who are studying the human body. With the addition of this lab, anatomy students have access to real-life concepts to which they can apply their knowledge of the course material.

"Research is at the heart of all the programs within Etown's School of Sciences. Our students work side-by-side with our award-winning faculty on research projects as early as their first year on campus. Fundamental research questions are also routinely incorporated into the curriculum of our programs." @EtownCollege said on Instagram

Etown's School of Sciences takes their research seriously. All around Masters Center for Science, Mathematics and Engineering , research posters can be seen detailing various projects performed by students with help from their professors.

Many labs are equipped with state-of-the-art technology for students to use for their studies and research. The availability of research opportunities at Etown also helps Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathmathetic (STEM) students to get internships during the time of their undergraduate studies.

Lily Eom, who is studying to become an optometrist, is looking forward to the renovation of the labs that will be done just in time for her to make use of them herself. "As an upcoming anatomy student, I'm excited for the new labs, especially since they just renovated the chemistry labs,"Eom said.

Over the summer of 2023, the three chemistry labs in Musser Hall were updated to look more modern as well as to fix some plumbing issues.

Some students have wondered why the changes to the anatomy labs are being done this summer instead of, for example, planning for an expanded housing selection to provide for the ever-increasing student body.

The renovations are being partially funded by the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).

"The [RACP] is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the design, acquisition, and construction of a regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement project." Says the website for the RACP.

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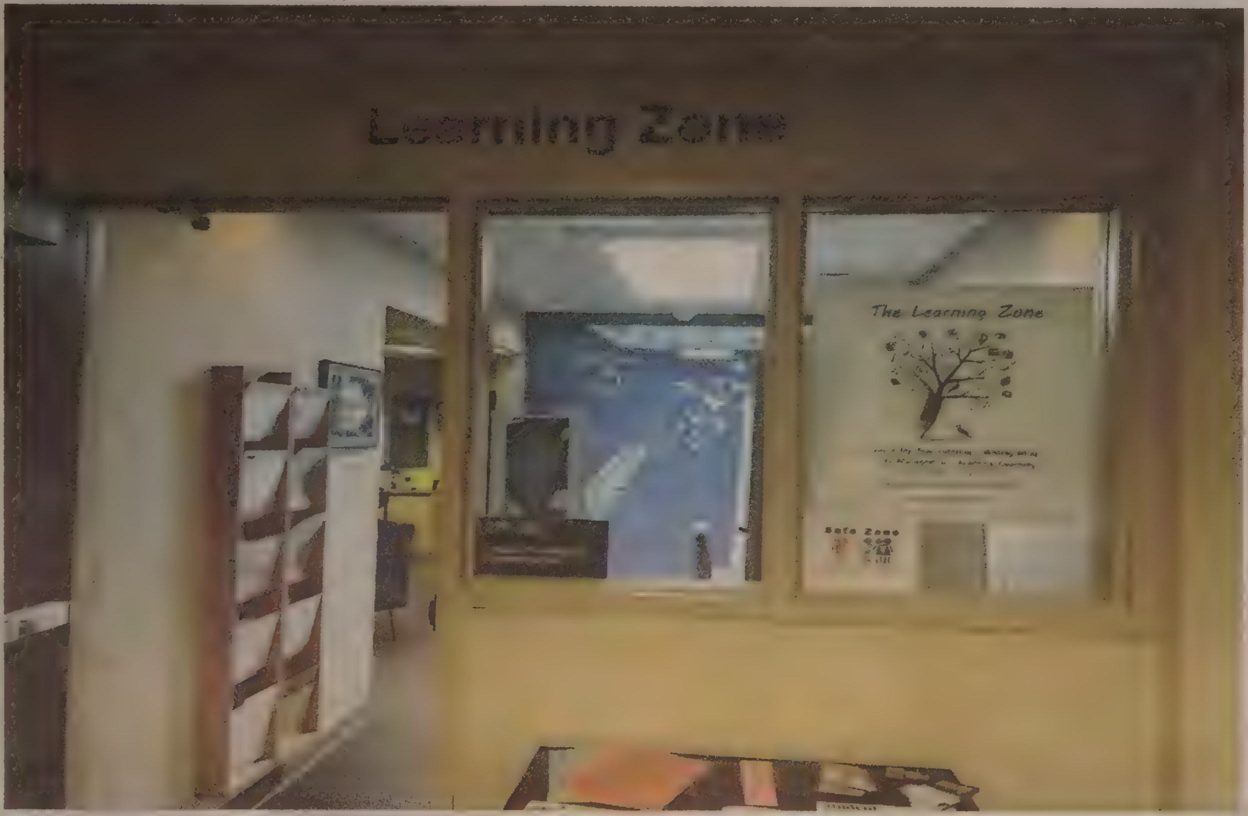
Etown Disability Services Works to Support Student Needs



Courtesy of Delaney Peckham

The Learning Zone houses Davies' office and testing rooms for students who need accommodations.

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When there are 20 college students in a room together, it's bound to be a little distracting. For Elizabethtown College fourth-year graphic design and digital media production major Sarah Moscoso, it can be more than just distracting.

Moscoso used to take her exams in a quiet room, alone, to help mitigate the negative effects that her ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) has on her academic performance.

Last semester, everything changed.

"Finals week was an absolute mess, and I was taking my exam in a room with 20 other individuals, and this is pretty much the equivalent of taking an exam in the classroom," Moscoso said.

Etown's Disability Service office changed the way they conducted exams, instead hiring

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CGUP Offers Ware Lecture Photo Essay Competition

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Elizabethtown College is offering opportunities to hear from diverse perspectives to allow for the building of a stronger community. Part of that effort is seen through the Ware Lecture, which is sponsored by the Ware Family and intended to encourage peacemaking in the campus community and in their larger lives. Speakers from years prior, which included Pulitzer prize winning authors and human rights advocates, have captivated the community with their voices and experiences.

This year's Ware Lecture speaker, Jemelle Hill, brought forth dialogue regarding the journalism industry, the racism and targeting she has experienced throughout her career, her experiences with trauma and the importance of perspective when writing and also when talking with others in online spaces. Guests not only got to hear her insightful commentary, but also got the opportunity to get their book signed and questions answered afterwards.

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

The Etown community gathered in Leffler Chapel for the lecture.

For students who were inspired by the Ware lecture and its messaging, the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) announced alongside the lecture that they would be holding a photo essay competition, where students could submit photos and captions that tell the story of the lecture from their unique perspective.

"Our community is fortunate to have a rich array of speakers visit our campus to share their experiences, knowledge and expertise. The Ware Lecture is one of these opportunities and the CGUP team wanted to encourage and support students' attendance and participation. We also wanted to celebrate the creative talent of our students and center their perspective of the event. The lecture, supported by a generous endowed fund created by the Ware family, is also to be celebrated," Shannon Haley-Mize, associate professor of education and director of CGUP, said.

This provides a unique opportunity for creative expression and recognition

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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New users of the social media platform, X (formerly known as Twitter) will be asked to pay a small fee in order to access key features such as posting, liking and reposting. This is an attempt to curb spam bots which have been a consistent problem on the platform for years.

Spam bots are essentially automated messages designed to mimic human behavior. Some act like celebrities and brands or use explicit content in attempts to scam their victims. They may ask to wire money, send gift cards or give them personal information used to steal user's identities.

From the beginning of his X/Twitter journey, Elon Musk wished to get rid of the bots on the platform. Musk started the purchase of then-Twitter in April 2022. Later that year in July, Musk attempted to back out of the deal, claiming that Twitter executives misled him about the amount of spam. As a result, Twitter started a lawsuit against Musk in the Delaware Chancery Court that was set to go to trial in October. Days before it was set to begin, Musk completed the $44 billion deal.

In July 2023, Musk announced that Twitter would be transformed into X. The rebranding is still ongoing, with the domain of the website still being "twitter.com." All former icons of the site, such as the blue Twitter bird logo and referring to posts as 'tweets,' have been completely removed. Musk's rebranding has been controversial, with many of the 368 million monthly active users still referring to the site as Twitter. Musk's attempt to limit spam in his way of making a mark on his platform.

Since buying the platform, Musk has teased several times that users may have to pay. For example, if users wish to have the blue checkmark by their username, a symbol once only for celebrities or important figures, they can subscribe to X Premium. This was yet another attempt to stop the bots from flooding the replies or user's inboxes.

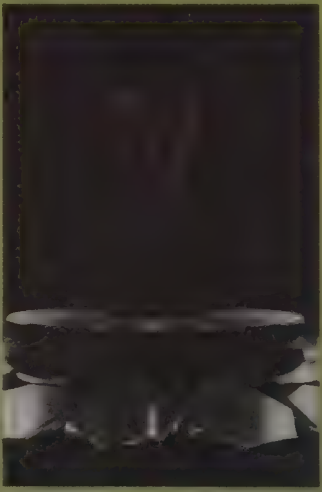
In October 2023, as part of the 'Not A Bot' initiative, X piloted a program where new users had to pay a one dollar fee in order to access X's key features. At first, only New Zealand and the Philippines were the only countries where this was in effect, but that is soon about to change.

User "XUpdatesRadar," a bot user that automatically detects new changes to X's code, first reported the change on Monday, April 15. Musk confirmed the information in a reply.

"Unfortunately, a small fee for new user write access is the only way to curb the relentless onslaught of bots," Musk posted. "Current AI (and troll farms) can pass "are you a bot" with ease."

Musk said in a later post that this will also free up "so many good handles" as bots take "up the available namespace."

There is no news on when this policy will be put into effect or if the one dollar will remain.



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X has undergone a number of changes since Elon Musk aquired it including its logo.

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Disability Services Faces Difficulties in Accomodating Students

student proctors for larger study rooms that can hold 18 people. For those who need text-to-speech modifications, the six single study rooms Disability Services operates are still an option.

"The accommodation students get is testing in a location separate from the class, not testing in a room by yourself," Davies said.

All of Disability Services' accommodations can be found on the Elizabethtown College website. While the College is technically just following policy, Moscoso isn't the only one who's experienced issues with accommodations.

"I'm taking quizzes and exams with other students who have similar accommodations to me, which can be just as distracting if not worse and cause more test anxiety," fourth-year biology major Kathryn Black said.

Black has permission to get extra time on exams, test in a different location and to record lectures on her own device. She said sometimes professors view her in a different light, and question her academic integrity because she's recording.

Both Black and Moscoso agree that Davies does her job well. They also agree that she needs more support to serve students well. Davies is alone in her operation, although she works with Learning Zone support staff.

A main problem is that Davies doesn't receive much feedback from anyone, students or faculty, unless there's an issue, and even then, some students don't feel comfortable self-advocating.

"In K-12, all of the disability services are managed for students, but sometime between June and August [for first-year students], everything switches and they have to do it for themselves," Davies said.

College is the right time for many students to get diagnosed with something that affects their accessibility accommodations. In these cases, Davies can use students' personal history as documentation, but just because she can correctly identify student issues doesn't mean there's always a perfect path to follow

One issue all Disability Services Offices across higher education experience is unclear guidelines from the government. The important thing from a legal standpoint is to have clear guidelines and policies to follow, and to leave a paper trail.

Davies said she is always willing to meet with students to resolve issues, but she can't help with what she doesn't know.

Fourth-year psychology major Evan Rich is conducting his senior research on how students with accommodations are handling their college experience. His paper will focus on different factors that affect accommodations, like stigma, difficulty with ability to self-advocate and students' socioeconomic status, as well as the stress students with disabilities feel.

"I'm hoping with the information from the study, Etown can help make the process of getting and using academic accommodation as seamless and carefree as possible for the students who rely on it for their success at Etown," Rich said.

The bottom line for Davies is increased communication with students. She hopes Rich's study will provide insight into how Disability Services can bridge that gap. In the meantime, she'll keep working to ensure each student has the tools they need to perform the best they can.

Visit the Etownian's website for an expanded version of the article.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.

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As the moon crossed over the sun this past week, it seemed for a moment that all had become quiet in Harrisburg, if only for a few moments. This eclipse also brought seemingly overnight state-wide attention to a smaller Pennsylvania city, the city being Erie, Pa. This county was taken into darkness by the unique total eclipse, the only place in Pa. where you could view it. This interesting oddity which some may call "eerie" in itself was so spectacular that it drew even the audience of Governor Josh Shapiro.

"Pennsylvania is one of 13 states in the path of totality for today's eclipse – but nowhere else has the beauty of the Erie bayfront. This is one of the largest tourism events ever for Erie, with thousands of visitors enjoying this historic event from Lake Erie Speedway to Presque Isle and getting to experience all that Pennsylvania has to offer," Shapiro said during his time at Erie. "But Pennsylvania is a terrific tourist spot for more than just one day. From our restaurants and bars to our state parks, trails, and outdoor recreation outfitters, Pennsylvania is a world-class destination, and we want the rest of the world to know about it. Tourism serves as a powerful economic engine, benefitting nearly every corner of our Commonwealth and giving Pennsylvanians more opportunities to pursue their passion, support their families, and succeed – and that's why I'm proposing $18 million for tourism and business marketing in my budget to continue to attract visitors to our great Commonwealth."

Within the day, it seemed all came to a calm following the mass exodus from the county and the setting of the sun, but it seems that this may not be the last time Erie will make the news on a state and national level this year.

Erie County, with its long history and place of importance within the commonwealth, seems to have quite an influence on politics within the national scale, so much so that Erie may just be one of the most important battleground counties on a national scale. Before the 2016 presidential election, Erie had not in a century favored a Republican candidate, but then former president Donald Trump turned that county around and won the state. However, in 2020, the county had flipped back, and it was President Joe Biden who won the county and eventually the Commonwealth.

But what makes Erie so unique? Why does it continue to be such a battleground, unlike many other counties in the area and across the state?

As Governor Shapiro may have learned during his visit this past week, the county is much more than a city on the lake with its namesake. Erie is a total mixture of every type of person coming from every different walk of life. With its major rural countryside and no lack of farms, it seems to draw voters from a multitude of communities.

It seems much like this campus with student perspectives, such as Green Party members like Etown student Camdyn Buohl. "I'm registered with the Green Party, and I'll be voting for whoever takes away the bike lanes and pledges to transform public transportation for the better! We need more highways and Walmarts now," the third-year biochemistry major said.

This sharp contrast between voters within the county has proven to make for quite an interesting situation with the upcoming presidential election getting closer and closer every day.

Courtesy of Matthew Schwartz via Unsplash

The total solar eclipse brought in tourists to Erie.

Expansion of Labs

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will provide enough funding for this project to be completed with Etown's own budget.

There are some criteria for a grant to be approved by the RACP. One of these is a project cost of at least one million dollars.

The project must also clearly be beneficial to the local or regional community, which, in the case of the anatomy and physiology labs, will be majorly beneficial to students who are wanting to study the human body.

Thirdly, they must have secured at least fifty percent of their funding from non-state actors. This means that most of the funding for Etown's new project will come from the school's budget and its donors.

Students who are studying to become physicians or aspire to continue on a different path in the medical field will get to experience the renovated anatomy and physiology laboratories when they take Human Anatomy and Physiology II, where they can get hands-on experience with cadavers.

Opportunities for grants like these hopefully enhance the student experience for everyone currently at Etown as well as future students.

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

Musser Hall in the Master's Center will be rennovated.

Photo Essay Competition Encourages Creativity

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that students may otherwise not get during their undergraduate careers. Students have full creative freedom to express their perspective of the lecture through their photos and captions that must have a compelling narrative past what is seen on the surface. Regarding the submissions, it is possible that two people entering the competition could have completely different takeaways due to the flexibility of the requirements, which is not only allowed but encouraged.

"I think that is a really clever idea. Photography has the potential to show so many different stories and perspectives. Every person could potentially capture a different theme since everyone learns this type of material differently," Stephanie Motz, third-year computer science major, said. "It interests me to see what piece of the lecture stood out to everyone and the different stories that will be told through their photos."

The photo contest relates to the goals of the CGUP, as it embraces the dialogue created in the event and encourages it further outside of the event, which gives students time to reflect on their experience and their response to the experience.

Additionally, just by attending this lecture, students learn about peace, human dignity and social justice at a wider perspective than they may usually get in their classes and experiences at Etown, which is at the core of CGUP's mission. Any amount of engagement creates betterment for the students and members of the campus community attending.

Overall, the Ware lecture photo contest allows for students to not only display their understanding of the current issues around the world–specifically in the media industry–but also display their artistic side. Despite the nature of a competition, at the end of the day the CGUP wants students to have fun and have full creative force in their submissions. For any students interested, the deadline to submit is April 26 and all questions about the contest can be answered by the CGUP by emailing cgup@etown.edu. The winner will be announced on May 5, 2024 and will have their work featured in the High Library and other venues around campus alongside a monetary prize of $500.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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This past week, Iran fired around 300 missiles and drones at Israel in retaliation for their strike against the Iranian embassy in Damascus, Syria, which killed a top Iranian general along with other high-ranking individuals.

The attacks from Iran came from multiple neighboring countries surrounding Israel including Iran, Iraq and Yemen. However, the weaponry was Iranian and was authorized by them. After the attack, during the same night, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon all reopened their airspaces after having closed them before and during the air attacks. The attack was successfully thwarted by a combined western force including the U.S., France and the United Kingdom. Technology and aircraft from all these countries were used in taking down 90 percent of the drones and missiles.

Although the attacks weren't a success, multiple members of the Iranian government have responded alluding to future attacks if Israel or those associated with Israel respond. "If the Zionist regime [Israel] or its supporters demonstrate reckless behavior, they will receive a decisive and much stronger response," Ebrahim Raisi, Iran's president, said in a statement.

The United States also warned Israel to not seek out any more conflict with the nation of Iran. President Biden, in a public statement, warned Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, that the United States wouldn't assist in any counterattack done to Iran. The United States has also begun to move more of their naval vessels around the middle east in preparation for a larger conflict to emerge. Alongside them, the United Kingdom also has begun to move more military aircraft to the middle east due to the updated situation. However, it seems that Israel understands the situation and is not looking to seek any military engagement with Iran. Instead, they are seeking that the international community imposes strict sanctions on Iran for their attack.

Moving forward, the United States doesn't wish to continue any military engagement with the nation of Iran as seen through Biden's statement. However, it is put into another very tricky situation, as it has to choose how much it wishes to support Israel as many neighboring forces are beginning to get involved themselves within the conflict. It seems for now, that Iran is ok with ending their small skirmish with the west and, mainly due to outside influence, Israel is choosing to not retaliate in any military capacity.

However, while all this goes on, the war in Gaza is still raging on with over 34,000 reported casualties and 85 percent of the population being displaced since Israel began their war against Hamas in October.

Business Buzz

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In anticipation of Pride Month coming in June and as a recognition of Etown Does PRIDE coming to an end soon, one trend that consumers typically expect to see that has been popularized in the past decade is the use of pride logos and flags in businesses to increase their revenue stream from LGBTQIA+ consumers.

This so-called "Rainbow Capitalism" rarely felt genuine to a lot of consumers, it still partially had good intentions behind it and a lot of people increased their shopping at businesses like Target, which sold pride merchandise designed by LGBTQIA+ people.

Even if the companies changed their logos and removed their merchandise related to pride the second July hit, people felt seen and understood in a large-scale celebration of pride.

Due to the recent backlash, it is unclear if companies are going to elevate pride month as much as they have in the past. Target, which often featured pride at the forefront of their stores so that anyone walking in could see it immediately, faced criticism in the past two years.

The backlash has not ended at only boycotting the stores supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals, but has escalated into threats and harm to the employees that work at the stores.

"What's really troubling me about what's happening more recently is violence directed towards, you know, in the case of Target, their employees. And also, we're seeing the targeting of some of the marketing personnel who've been involved with these campaigns - those people getting doxxed." Katherine Sender, a professor at Cornell University focusing on media and sexuality said to NPR reporter Ayesha Rascoe. "They're getting harassed, you know? They've had death threats on social media and are really feeling very personally attacked. And I think that this is a different kind of dimension and a newer dimension of the backlash against LGBTQ marketing."

Part of this increased tension is the acknowledgment of corporations using pride from politicians. That creates a stronger reaction from their supporters and increases the odds of action against these businesses.

"Target could have decided to stay out of the culture wars, instead it decided to wage war on a large share of its customer base," Senator J.D Vance said on X. "I no longer shop at Target, and it seems many families are doing the same."

Social media has also played an increased role as people post more often on sites like TikTok and Facebook that the pride month ads and displays at stores are indoctrinating children, specifically often regarding the increased presence of the transgender flags and individuals in pride celebrations.

While allies and members of the LGBTQIA+ community may wish to remain hopeful about the future of the celebration of pride, businesses' allyships rely on what will make them the highest profit margin in that period. That makes it frail to the current political state of the U.S. Large businesses are also likely to see the response Target has garnered over the past two years and pull back their own pride efforts to avoid their stock dropping and increased negative conversation around their business.

This flimsy support may bring down the success of Rainbow Capitalism even among those who initially supported it and want increased representation all year round. Consumers who support the LGBTQIA+ community will be forced to face the fact that corporations cannot stand with them during tumultuous times and therefore do not deserve to stand with them at all.

However, pride month never has and never will require large corporations' support. All it requires is the community to stand together, which it will continue to do with or without rainbow logos.

Internationally acclaimed journalist speaks at Etown

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Jemele Hill was the voice of the night at the final installment of Elizabethtown College's 2023-2024 Lecture Series: Evenings of Enlightenment at 7 p.m. on April 11 in Leffler Chapel.Hill is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, Webby Award winner, host of her own podcast "Jemele Hill is Unbothered," and engages with work built around issues of race, social justice, politics and sports. Hill was encouraged to come and speak to Elizabethtown College for this Ware Lecture on Peacemaking as the adversity she faced in her childhood provided her with the unique opportunity to speak from her own experiences on the necessity for peace and living authentically. This lecture was open to the public and was attended by both Elizabethtown College students and Elizabethtown community members.

The program began with a welcome by Etown President Betty Rider, and then a presentation of the 2024 Educate for Service Award which was followed by a Service to Humanity Speaker. Jemele Hill was introduced by Ali Lanyon, anchor for abc27 Daybreak and Etown adjunct faculty. Lanyon also moderated the program.

The Educate for Service Award Presentation was a new addition to the Ware Lecture. After an award introduction by President of the Alumni Council Talisa Ramos-Watts, a video was played of the recipient, Jess Hayden '78 . Hayden then spoke on stage to share her story and express how Etown College helped her to develop skills which would then enable her to go out in public and do something worthwhile. Hayden reminisced about her time on campus and how it impacted her ability to do something worthwhile in the community and the small class sizes and passionate teachers helped her to be successful.

After the award was announced, Hill was introduced. Hill used humorous anecdotes to draw the audience in and make her speak more engaging. The Michigan State alumni said, "college is not just about tests and learning but also about immersing oneself in full cultural experiences." The message of Hill's presentation centered around living in divided times. She especially emphasized the detrimental impact social media has upon the general population. She said, "misinformation is spread across social media" and "social media allows for one to send their work out to the world (including journalists), but there is downside which is that it inflames divisiveness."

One of the more powerful quotes Hill expressed is that "[social media] amplified the worst of us, worst fears, worst perception of each other." Hill shared a story of how she was sent a hateful message on Instagram (a social media platform) by a teenager. When Hill reached out to the teenager's father he responded, "it is just social media, it's not that big of a deal." Hill shared this story to emphasize how social media blurs the line between perception and reality and often makes people forget that there is someone on the other side of the screen.

Hill also spoke to how politics have stepped away from being centered around issues of state and now impact people's everyday lives. For example, Hill references the George Floyd movement of 2020 and how messages of 'defund the police' and 'black lives matter' took the forefront of news stories and how people's lives have become entangled in politics. Hill finished her presentation by highlighting things that can bring people together, like sports, to indicate that there is still hope for peace and unity within our country.

The evening concluded with a Q-and-A with Hill, moderated by Lanyon. Audience members were encouraged to send in their questions for Hill via text message to engage with the Q-and-A.

This final lecture was the perfect ending to an educational and inspirational series of lectures hosted by Elizabethtown College. Hill's message of unity and peace within a divisive society was powerful and fundamental to begin a domino effect of change.

This lecture was made possible by the generosity of Judy S. and Paul W. Ware, sponsors of the Ware Lecture on Peacemaking.

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Students come together for goat yoga hosted by OSA

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Interacting with animals, such as goats, reduces the stress hormone (cortisol) in our bodies, while increasing hormones that trigger happiness (serotonin and dopamine).

A bright, sunny day at Etown calls for two things: yoga and baby goats. On April 14th, OSA and the Animal Services Club hosted Goat Yoga on Brinser Field. Lots of students came out to the event and enjoyed the Sunday warmth. The event had a seventy five person capacity. The goats were fenced off in a little area on the field where yoga was held. Students were asked to bring a yoga mat or a blanket for yoga. The event went from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.. There were at least seven baby goats around the enclosure, and students were able to play with the goats and hold them. Students even had the opportunity to bottle feed some of the younger goats. Lily Snyder, a first-year, bottle fed one of the baby goats for a while.

"I've done goat yoga before. However, this yoga has been fun because the goats are babies instead of adults, and they don't smell," Lily said.

Another first-year, Bella Deblasio, said, "I was really excited to play with the baby goats. It's a beautiful day out: what could be better than this?"

Students did yoga for about thirty-five minutes. They were instructed to do different yoga positions while the goats roamed around them.

"They would put the goats on your back, and have them walk on you," first-year Lauren Woodruff, said." .

Yoga focuses on breathing exercises, meditation and mindfulness. These are all aspects that help make yoga a relaxing experience. Yoga is a popular practice around the world, and is popular amongst the students at Etown. Woodruff described how while practicing yoga, students were instructed to not think about their worries, and to be mindful of the space that they were in.

"When we are in this fenced area, we are not allowed to think of the outside world", Woodruff said. "We are only to think about nature, our breathing, and of course, the goats!"

Goat Yoga helps relieve stress and anxiety. With the end of the semester looming, students begin crunch time and begin preparing for finals. Lots of students find themselves feeling stressed or anxious. Goat Yoga is a great solution for this. Interacting with animals, such as goats, reduces the stress hormone (cortisol) in our bodies, while increasing hormones that trigger happiness (serotonin and dopamine). Hugging a baby goat can only make you feel happy and excited!

"It was really nice to be outside and connect with everyone around me. It was a great way to spend my Sunday," Woodruff said.

This yoga class helped students feel more at peace and in the moment. Students enjoyed cuddling with the baby goats, who were dolled up in clothes. The goats were all around, sitting with different groups of students and roaming around the grass. While I was talking to Deblasio, who was giving milk to a baby, another goat, named Dunkin, came up and stole the milk from the baby! Dunkin found the bottle and began drinking the milk. He got down on his two front legs, and stuck his tail up in the air. We all noticed that his little tail was wagging! I could only describe his position as "Downward facing goat". Goats will do this when they are happy, or as a sign of affection for another goat or human. Clearly Dunkin was extremely excited to be drinking milk!

"When we first started, we were instructed to escape reality and enter "goatality"", Woodruff laughed.

"I think we accomplished that,"Snyder said..

Students enjoyed practicing mindfulness and breathing exercises whilst in the presence of adorable baby goats. Woodruff, Deblasio, and Snyder all agreed that they would participate in this event again. They also told me that some of the goats were born on the day of the solar eclipse! Goat yoga was a positive experience for the students who participated, and was a great success for OSA and the Animal Services Club.

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Crafting Your Path to Publication

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You did it. You finally finished the piece you've been working on for who knows how long. As you sit back in your chair, patting yourself on the back, a new thought comes to mind. Now what? You could dive into a new project like always. Or maybe it's finally time to put your work out there into the world. That process can seem a bit harrowing. It may be hard to know where to publish your work and how to get started. Don't worry, the process is super easy when you've got great resources at your disposal. Here are a few tips and tricks for submitting works to literary journals.

Before you even think about submitting a piece you must do the dreaded deed – editing. Though many writers despise this part of the process, it is necessary – especially when publishing. The more you edit your work, the happier you'll be with the published product. You're also more likely to catch a journal editor's eye.

There are many routes you can go to edit your work. Many writers start with a few rounds of self-editing. This helps weed out the excess words and fill in gaps as they present themselves. If you find it difficult to start here, the Hemingway editor is a great online resource. This website lets you input your work and points out revisions, such as adverbs, passive voice, and hard-to-read sentences. The editor takes away some of the grammar work that bogs down the editing process.

Once you've done a few rounds of self-editing, it's a good idea to get another author to read your piece. Their input is often invaluable as they catch mistakes and inconsistencies you've missed. They also view your work purely from a reader's perspective, something you can't do. Social media is a great way to connect with other authors or groups who are willing to have peer-review sessions. Try joining Facebook writing groups or look for local groups.

Each journal has its own style. Some focus on social justice issues and platforming underrepresented voices in different communities. Others are more genre-focused, publishing exclusively horror or fantasy works. Most journals have their publication interests in their About section or on their submission page. If you want to get a better sense of what a journal typically publishes, read their previous volumes.

When looking for possible journals, it's also important to think about what type of journal it is. If you're younger than 18, start out with journals centered around young authors. If you're in college, look into university literary journals that publish undergraduate works. I recently had a short fiction piece published in Furrow magazine, a literary journal from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. If neither of these options work for you,. look for journals that cater to new and emerging authors.

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Neidig balances her time between her occuational therapy major, competing with the women's track & field, and working on publishing her work.

A great resource for finding literary journals is Poets & Writers literary magazine locater. This search tool scans an extensive list of literary journals and magazines. It features search filters like genres, subgenres, and reading periods that help you find journals matching your writing style and focus.

Once you've edited your piece and found a list of journals you're interested in, all that's left is submitting. Almost all literary journals have a submission page on their website with guidelines. Many journals have specific word counts and formatting guidelines you need to follow. It's also important to make sure you are submitting poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction in their respective places. Additionally, take note of the open submission period for each journal to know when they will be accepting new work.

Aside from formatting guidelines, these submission pages contain further information about your pieces and future publishing rights. If you plan to submit your work to multiple journals, it is important that the journals allow for simultaneous submissions. Even more importantly, double-check the publishing rights you'll have for your piece if it were to be published. Most journals operate on first-publishing rights. This means they will only publish work that has never been published. Once published, the rights to the piece revert back to the author.

Another helpful tool for submitting works is Submittable. Many journals require you to create a Submittable account to receive your work. This website hosts a log of all the journals you've submitted to through their platform. It tracks the status of these submissions as well. Like Poet & Writers, there is also a Discover page to find publishing opportunities.

Go ahead and put yourself out there! The world is waiting for your writing.

What Owala water bottle should you buy based on your sign?

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In Issue 18 of the Etownian, Campus Life author Kate Wellons penned an article titled "Bottle Debate: Owala or Stanley?" Since I need to retire my old Pokemon water bottle because of its free standing straw that is a recipe for disaster if you're clumsy like me (another reason I am on the Owala), I decided to buy an Owala. However, there were so many colors that it was hard to choose the perfect one! So, in order to make your life easier when jumping on the latest trend, here is what color Owala you should buy based on your zodiac sign. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising for more options!

Aries: You are Gemstone Chic. This bottle is reminiscent of a desert, with the sandy, orange base and bright colors, like blue, pink and purple, on top. It's bold but in a subtle way. When you forget to wash it for a few weeks, it probably won't show up on this bottle.

Taurus: You are Candy Coated. You will love the pastel pinks this water bottle has. It's simple and classy, making it the perfect water bottle to bring to class or on your next shopping trip. You need to stay hydrated while you're carrying all of those bags!

Gemini: You are the special edition Iron Man bottle from the Marvel x Owala collaboration. Besides the tiny Iron Man symbol, most people won't recognize it as Marvel merchandise. Perfect for you to indulge in your hobby in an 'adult' way.

Cancer: You are Jetski. The color reminds me of a crab, which is your symbol. It's obviously got the red to represent the crab's (Think Sebastian from "The Little Mermaid"), but the blue and green play into the water elements.

Leo: You are Tangy Tango. This color is bold, perfect when you want to make a statement. The orange, pink and lavender will motivate you to stop taking aesthetic coffee photos and instead delve into water bottle photography.

Virgo: You are Neo Sage. This color Owala will look perfect sitting next on your nightstand next to your dozens of plants. Maybe you can use some of the water from your bottle to give those plants a new life.

Libra: You are Lemon Limeade. This Owala mixes a bold yellow with a pale green and tan. It's the right balance of bright and pastel, perfect since we all know how much you desire harmony in your life.

Scorpio: You are Deep Space from the Cosmic Collection. Just because you love dark colors and your wardrobe looks like it belongs from the first half of the "Wizards of Oz," it doesn't mean you don't enjoy a little sparkle. This color is the best of both worlds.

Sagittarius: You are Funky Floral. This is part of Owala's Color Drop collection, where they release limited edition colors. If you're interested in the seventies vibe this bottle gives off, make sure to go to Owala's website to get reminded for the drop!

Capricorn: You are Blue Oasis. This bottle is mostly a navy, which represents the water part of your sign. This may be a stretch, but it also has the gray and white to represent your sea-goat sign, one of the most iconic zodiac animals.

Aquarius: You are Shy Marshmallow. This is an all white Owala, a timeless color. Now, this color may be more 'boring' than the others, but it's perfect to represent your air sign. You might want to invest in a water bottle boot to avoid scuffs!

Pisces: You are the Valentine's Day collaboration with Target. This one is hard to find now that we have some distance from the holiday, but the hunt will be worth it when you see the pink hearts against the red background.

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McGuire's roommate, Brooke Seislove, stays hydrated throughout the day with Leo's Tangy Tango Owala.

I Bought Slime off an Instagram Shop- Here's What Happened

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We've all seen slime videos at this point, right? I know I've spent more time than I'm willing to admit on Instagram's many slime accounts.

But is this stuff as fun and satisfying as it looks— or is it all an elaborate editing trick? I decided that I couldn't wait any longer to find out.

There are plenty of slime shops out there— but I selected the shop SlimeObsidian for one reason: all their slimes have a "Level" of Beginner, Intermediate or Expert.

I had several questions: What makes a slime easy or difficult? What is a slime expert? How do you become one?

To answer these questions, I ordered three different slimes: one rated Beginner, one Intermediate and one Expert.

Baja Blast Jelly is exactly what it says on the tin. It has the texture one would expect from slime. It's gooey, squishy and a little bit sticky— but not sticky enough to be a nuisance.

The slime, as advertised, had the lemon-lime scent of Baja Blast. It also came with lemon-shaped charms mixed into the slime. They contrasted the slime color well and didn't interfere with its texture.

There was one major drawback, however: it expanded upon being handled. I had to throw out a small chunk of slime to fit it back into the container. If you want to avoid this headache, make sure you have a different container to store your slime in.

I decided to get wild with my Intermediate slime: Kiwi Cubes.

It has a similar texture to Baja Blast Jelly, but it has some more solid cubes mixed in that can be crushed into pieces until the slime is one uniform texture.

It also had some cute kiwi-shaped charms mixed in. Like Baja Blast Jelly, these did not get in the way of the texture at all.

Crushing a cube feels like crushing the juicy part of an apple slice between your fingers. They're easy to crush once you manage to get a grip on one. This can be a bit of a challenge, especially when trying to crush smaller pieces.

This slime was a bit too sticky the first time I played with it. To its credit, the stickiness lessened once the cubes were mixed in. The kiwi scent was my favorite out of the three I bought. It was sweet and reminded me of fruity candy.

Ultraviolet is a "clear" slime. It's unscented and, as the name suggests, somewhat translucent— though its translucence disappears when it's played with and is replaced with a lighter, foamy appearance.

It is similar in texture to Baja Blast Jelly— but more liquid-y. That means that this slime is not just sticky: it will attach itself to anything it touches. And, it will not come off.

I learned this the hard way. I made the mistake of testing this slime over a paper bowl. Once I poured the slime into the bowl, it was clear it wasn't going to come out.

Despite this mishap, I continued trying to play with the slime. It stuck to my hands— pulling apart with a nice popping sound. It would have been satisfying— if it weren't for the fact that I was getting slime all over my arms and lap.

I rushed to my dorm's bathroom to clean myself up and accidentally locked myself out of my room. Once the evidence of my slimy misadventures was as erased as it was going to get, I had to walk to the campus security office in my pajamas to get my room unlocked. 0/10 would not recommend that experience.

Suffice to say, I have a bit of a bias against this slime, but I think with adequate preparation— and perhaps some gloves— you could have a good time with it.

SlimeObsidian's level system seems to be based on how sticky the slime is. If you're considering purchasing from this slime shop, take this into account. Stick to beginner if you want a more casual experience and try intermediate or expert if you're okay with more cleanup.

Overall, I would recommend SlimeObsidian's slime— or any slime for that matter. It's a great way to relieve stress, and yes, it's as satisfying as all those Instagram videos make it seem.

Photo courtesy of Danielle Hathaway

Hathaway tests several different slimes from SlimeObsidian based on their texture, scent, color, how easy it is to handle, and more.

A Video Game Without Any Instructions

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Released by Thekla, Inc. in 2016, "The Witness" is a first-person single player video game with admittedly very little context for its content. It's currently available for PC download on Steam for about $40.

You begin your journey through the game playing a nameless and faceless character. You encounter a series of panels, each containing a puzzle that requires you to follow the correct path through a grid. As you solve each one, a new one appears.

The game takes place on an island, which in and of itself is a puzzle. Completing puzzles grants the opportunity to finish puzzles on doors to unlock them. Once inside the doors, you guessed it, you find more puzzles.

Here's the problem: there are no instructions for any of the puzzles, which means you have to figure them out for yourself through trial and error. The game then presents you with another puzzle and another. They all follow the same rules within each section of the island, slowly increasing in difficulty.

For example, in the swamp, each panel includes shapes in the middle of some of the grids' squares that look like "Tetris" pieces. After working through the first few, you'll realize you need to form the line into these shapes in order to complete each puzzle. As you progress through the area, you may have to combine or rotate the shapes in specific ways.

However, nothing stops you from leaving puzzles uncompleted. Each distinct area of the island contains its own series of puzzles. Each series uses its own set of rules for you to figure out. If you can't figure it out, you can simply walk to a different area and return at any point.

In fact, it's only natural to move between puzzles. The game features several puzzles that combine the rules of multiple areas. Sometimes, the nature of these puzzles only becomes clear after a few failed attempts, when you finally realize you're unfamiliar with a rule or two.

Unlike most traditional games, "The Witness" does not have a particularly evident storyline. You simply exist in the world, wandering and solving puzzles.

The theme of the game is knowledge. More specifically, the pursuit of knowledge and the constant seeking of new information. Thus the incessant stream of puzzles and needing to discover the rules for yourself.

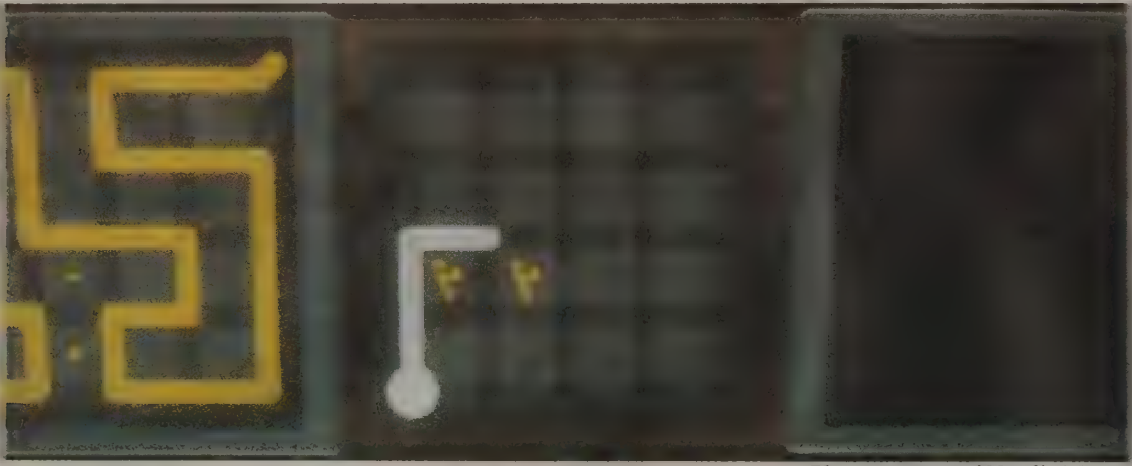
You don't actively participate in the world. The puzzles would still exist, regardless of the player.

This may seem like a bleak thought, but you're meant to take comfort in it. You'll find yourself getting much less frustrated with a particularly difficult set of puzzles if you don't think of them as being made for you to complete. The puzzles are simply a part of the world, you're in that world, and you can solve them whenever you feel ready to pursue the knowledge.

Besides, a whole island calls for exploration, so explore it. The environments within the game appear breathtaking at times, especially when looking out at the water or in the heart of the jungle area with only the sounds of nature around you. Take some time to appreciate it. Plus, you need to solve some puzzles by taking the environment into account.

Most of the puzzles don't need solving to finish the game anyway. Some of them only lead to codes to watch videos in the theater room, which discuss philosophy and discovery. You can leave whole areas unfinished if you want.

No real reward presents itself for finishing puzzles, just what you take away from each set. Enjoy the process of learning and adapting your thinking.



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Solve dozens of captivating puzzles, but without any instructions to follow.

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Lux Hileman Details What It's Like to Study Abroad in Japan

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To travel the world is a dream for many people, especially young adults in college. The perfect opportunity for this is the Elizabethtown College study abroad program where as a student, you can choose to travel to over 38 countries for either a semester, a year or faculty-led short trip. The best part of this is that most of these programs are relatively cost effective, because they only cost the price of the normal tuition and the cost of your plane tickets.

For the spring of 2024, I decided to study abroad in Osaka, Japan. I ended up saving money due to the scholarships I received and was able to use this scholarship money towards paying for my plane ticket as well. The advisors through Etown and the school that I chose to study at made the process leading up to studying abroad easy.

To study in Japan, I had to go through the application process of asking my professors to write me letters of recommendation, submitting my own essay applications and getting medical clearance by my personal family doctor. As I chose to go to Japan, I also chose to get the vaccination for one of the viruses only contractible by mosquitos in Japan: Japanese Encephalitis. This ended up costing me a bit more money than I expected, however, it's expected when traveling abroad that you will need to get additional vaccinations.

In my opinion, the hardest part of studying abroad is the lead-up to getting to the country of your destination. This is because you must apply for a visa, navigate the airports and often make currency exchanges. The way that I had to get my visa was through the mail. This was because I live in Pennsylvania and the nearest Embassy of Japan is in New York City, with the only available appointment times being when I was not available to drive up there for multiple days at a time.So, I sent all my travel documents such as my passport and Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the embassy through the US Postal Service.

Another aspect that was hard was the navigation of airports when traveling alone, especially when the country you are traveling to primarily uses a different language. For example, when I arrived at the Haneda airport in Tokyo, it was quite stressful figuring out where to go to board for my connecting flight to Osaka Airport, due to most of the people not speaking English fluently and the terminals being in different buildings that you had to get to by boarding a bus. However, once I got to the school, it became a lot easier to manage traveling around the local area due to the bus and train system being extremely easy to navigate and many places being within walking distance as well.

As for the culture differences, it is obvious to the locals that we are American when traveling abroad in Japan, due to the overall outgoing and bold nature of Americans versus the Japanese locals. An example of this is just in the way that we speak. In general, we talk louder than most of the locals, and it is expected for you to be quiet in public areas like trains. This also includes not answering your cell phone or listening to music loudly in these areas as well. It is also common for students to attend every class. If you are sick, you must have a doctor's note,whereas in America, we can just email the professor if we don't feel well.

Some of the positive aspects of studying Japan that I have experienced so far include making friends from various cultures, being able to improve my language skills and traveling around the country to experience aspects unique to Japan. An example of this is that I have made friends from America, South Korea, Japan, England, Germany and Switzerland. I also got to see iconic spots such as the Osaka Castle, Kyoto Imperial Palace and the Osaka Aquarium along with many others.

Overall, I highly recommend studying abroad not only for the language exchange, but also for the unique viewpoint you gain while abroad while experiencing another culture firsthand.

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Hileman has had the opportunity to visit several historical sites during their time in Japan, including Osaka Castle pictured here.

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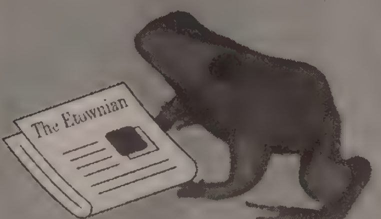

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1883, Rufus Pfautz Bucher was born in a farm home near Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. After attending several rural schools near Kleinfeltersville and Mechanic Grove, Rufus enrolled in Elizabethtown college as one of the first six students.[1] They were known as the "Faithful Six."

Information taken from a 2017 student report on Rufus Pfautz Bucher by Allyson Nace.

Scarlett the Sweet Rescue Staffy

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Fourth-year professional writing major Kyle McLaughlin's dog Scarlett is a shy yet sweet five-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier who loves her family almost as much as she loves her shoe collection.

Scarlett came into McLaughlin's family two years ago around the Christmas season. The family found her on the side of the road in a quarry next to a power plant. In other words, not a good place for a dog in the middle of the winter season. They thought she may have been lost, so the family kept her at their home for a bit while trying to locate Scarlett's owner. They put out several Facebook posts with her description and where they found her. Unfortunately, the family learned from a family friend that she had been dumped by her previous owner and that she had been abused in her previous home. The family decided it was for the best if they just took Scarlett in and gave her a proper loving home.

"It takes a special kind of heartlessness to abandon your dog in the cold and the dark without a second thought. But, we were a family that adopted rescues, so we set her up near a space heater and kept her safe like we would any of our old pups," McLaughlin said.

Scarlett is safe and happy now, living it up with her comfy bed and with as many toys as she can possibly want. She has lived with McLaughlin's other dogs in the past, but she prefers her own space.

"She's a bit territorial with other dogs, though she tolerates our next door neighbors. She's protective of her new people, it looks like," McLaughlin added.

Scarlett is very reserved, but she does love a good cuddle! She tends to be very loving with people she trusts and when she gets comfortable enough, she'll ask you to share your food with her. With her puppy-dog eyes, it can be hard to resist! Though she loves begging for table food, her favorite treat is the Peanut Butter flavored Frosty Paws dog ice cream. Besides plates, Scarlett will also go looking in trash cans for a snack or two. McLaughlin told a story about how she gained a taste for Doritos. Scarlett decided to raid McLaughlin's sister's trash can for anything she left behind after leaving for college. She snuck into the messy room, dug through the trash can, found a Doritos bag and brought it to her cage for safe keeping.

"[We] didn't notice until a week later because her room is that much of a mess, and that's because we found the Doritos bag in the back of her cage," McLaughlin said.

Scarlett loves to lay around in the sun and cuddle with her people or her prized shoe collection! She'll take anything from sneakers to slippers. Thankfully for McLaughlin and his family, she doesn't actually chew any of the shoes she collects, unlike her growing collection of ripped-up toys. She just gently picks the shoe up, carries it to her bed and cuddles next to it. She will also occasionally steal a hat or two. McLaughlin believes that shoes are her favorite toy because she never wants to destroy them.

"She tears up all her toys after a week or two, so they probably are by proxy," McLaughlin joked.

Despite her story having a sad beginning, it seems that Scarlett has found plenty of happiness in her new home with her family. From shivering in the street, to now being spoiled rotten with shoes, toys, and doggy ice cream, it's safe to say that her story has had quite the turn around.

Photo courtesy of Kyle McLaughlin

Scarlett choses a pink slipper from her growing shoe collection to cuddle with.

Recipe For Pesto Mug Pasta

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Sometimes, it's just a bit too difficult to find exactly what you're craving in the Marketplace, Jay's Nest or even the Fresh Nest, so here's a quick and healthy recipe for pesto pasta that's sure to hit the spot!

For this recipe, you'll need pasta of any shape (though smaller shapes work best, I used fusilli), vegetables like spinach or tomatoes, pesto, parmesan or another type of cheese, salt and red pepper flakes. You can use canned, store-bought pesto, or you can make it yourself if you feel inclined. All of the other ingredients can be found in the Marketplace, with the exception of the pasta, which can be purchased from Jay's Nest.

I decided to use pre-cooked pasta from Giant, which was meant to be thrown in the microwave for a minute or so and be ready to eat, and then I stirred in the other ingredients. But, if you'd rather make the pasta from the box, here's a simple way to do it in the microwave, right in your dorm.

Pour your pasta and about two-thirds of a cup of water into a microwave-safe bowl or mug. Add salt. Then, place it in the microwave for five minutes with no lid, though I recommend putting a paper towel or paper plate under the mug in case it boils over. Stir the pasta halfway through to make sure it cooks evenly.

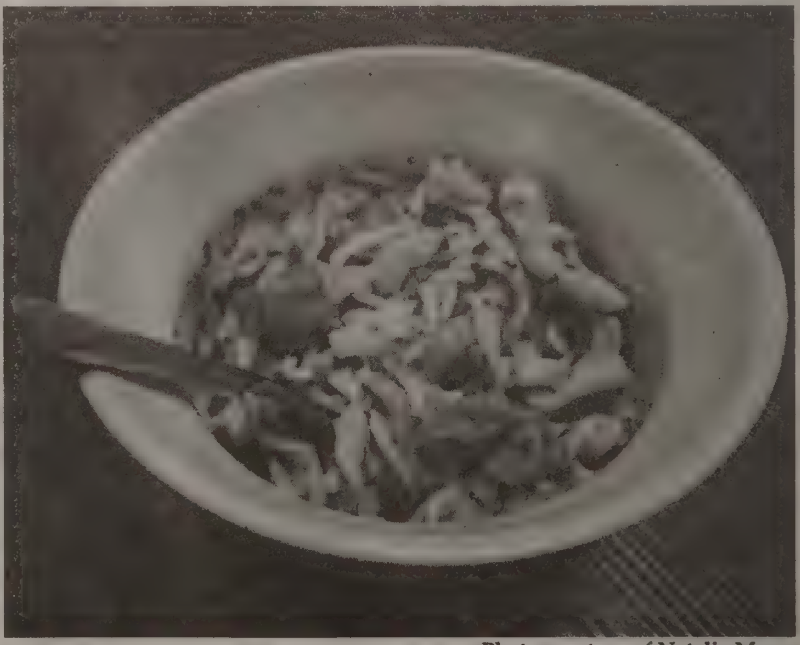
Stir the pasta again and add another one-third cup of water. Place it back in the microwave for another two to three minutes, depending on the wattage of your microwave. Taste the pasta to make sure it's fully cooked.

Once your pasta is ready, add the pesto. Stir it in until all of the noodles are coated or to your taste. Add the tomatoes, spinach or other vegetables, then place it back in the microwave for about 30 seconds to a minute. When the spinach looks wilted and the tomatoes are soft, it's done.

Alternatively, if you're worried about overcooking the pasta, you can put the vegetables on a separate plate and cook them in the microwave before adding them in, but they will cook much more quickly on their own, so try 15 to 20 seconds in the microwave at a time.

Finally, while the pasta is still hot, stir in the cheese and sprinkle the red pepper flakes on top for some extra flavor. Grab a fork and enjoy!

This recipe is highly satisfying and makes a decently-sized meal for one person. You can even try swapping out the vegetables or adding some protein like chicken to fit your own dietary needs.



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Even if you live in a dorm, you can still enjoy this delicious pasta dish!

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Blue Jay Tennis falls to Wilkes

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Elizabethtown College's men's and women's tennis teams played against Wilkes University on Saturday, April 13 in Landmark Conference action. It was a very windy day and it made for challenging conditions. Unfortunately, both Blue Jay teams fell to the Colonels.

The women's team went in with a 6-6 record but lost by a final of 5-4. There were three doubles matches and six singles matches played. Fourth-years Kaylee Mustard and Morgan Bleicher won their doubles match with a final score of 8-6.

"I was really excited to get some points for my team," Mustard said. "Everything I do is for them, so I always like to do my best to contribute in any way possible."

Third-years Adriana Burmeister and Gabriella Palladini had a commanding win in their doubles match with a final score of 8-3. This led the team to take a 2-1 lead before the start of the singles matches. However, the team did not fare as well in their singles matchups.

Mustard won her singles match with a score of 6-2 in straight sets. Bleicher followed with a win in hers, scoring 6-2 and 6-3 in two sets and commented on her performance.

"Individually, I was happy to get two wins in singles and doubles, especially using my net play against Wilkes to my advantage," Bleicher said.

The women came within one match of clinching, but Wilkes was able to bounce back clinching the conference victory. Following the match, Bleicher highlighted the ups and downs of the day's outcome.

"Today's match was tough because of the wind, but I am proud of my teammates for working through these difficult conditions," Bleicher said.

Mustard also offered her perspective on the loss after the game.

"It was definitely a tough team loss since the score was so close but our team really did fight hard and it came down to the tiniest of things, so it truly was a great matchup for us," Mustard said.

Their next matchup was scheduled on Sunday, April 14 against Lycoming College.

The men's team went in with a record of 5-7. The Colonels have been undefeated in all their away matchups this year, but the men's team came into Saturday's game with momentum, coming off a strong win the previous weekend. Unfortunately, they'd fall in this conference match to Wilkes with a final of 6-3.

The men's team scored one win in their three doubles matchups and two wins in their six singles matchups. It was second-year Issac Reichenbach and first-year Kyler Henne who won their doubles match with a score of 8-3. The Colonels took a 2-1 lead after the doubles.

Fourth-year Luke Paulson gave the Blue Jays some hope with his win in his singles match, taking the first and second sets 6-3 and 6-4. Henne also won his singles match with a score of 6-3, 7-5. It was the final singles game for the men, and he had to win his match with a tiebreaker. However, the Blue Jays eventually fell to the Colonels, giving Wilkes its second Landmark Conference win of the season.

The men's next matchup was also scheduled for Sunday, April 14 against Lycoming College.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Smith, Elizabethtown College Athletics

Two women's tennis players build camaraderie before their games against Wilkes University.

Etown's new men's head soccer coach set to soar in 2024

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Elizabethtown College is welcoming a new face to its athletics program. Moving forward, Evan Scheffey will be leading the program's men's soccer team. Scheffey takes over for former head coach Skip Roderick, who retired following the 2023 campaign, his 39th year as the College's head coach.

Scheffey enters as Etown's seventh men's soccer head coach in school history. A Pennsylvania native, he comes over to Etown after a long winding journey with various coaching jobs. It all started with a passion for the game and this passion for soccer stems from an early age during his own playing career. Now, he can't wait to bring his passion to the team.

"Soccer was the first sport I ever played, and I fell in love with it from a young age," Sheffey said. Soccer was always his passion and following his playing career, he found his passion for coaching. "After I graduated from York, I got into coaching and learned about different opportunities to get into college coaching as a career path," he added.

Through various assistant coaching gigs, he found a spot as a head coach at his alma mater, York College, for nine years.

As the new leader of the program, Scheffey has seen the successes, but thinks there's much more to achieve. He highlighted how these past few years, it has felt like the men's soccer team has been on the doorstep of taking the Landmark Conference Championship, but falling short each time they reach the postseason. This past season, the Blue Jays finished 5-3-1, good enough for third in the conference following the regular season. However, they fell victim to a first-round exit in a quarterfinals loss. Etown's new coach hopes to change this, as the new coaching opportunity offers a chance to reach the mountaintop of their conference.

"We have a group that's been in the conversation with the top teams in the Landmark, but hasn't broken through," Scheffey said. "There's a hunger within them, so the reality is there's a lot of work to be done, but the goal is to always be competing and winning a Landmark Conference Championship each fall."

To achieve this, it's essential to connect with the players and Scheffey has already done this. Whether it's meetings or practices, he has been able to introduce himself as a person, as well as the coaching style he hopes to implement.

"We've had just over four weeks of practices throughout the spring, so it's been a great opportunity for me to get to know [the players] and them getting to know me and my coaching style," he said. "The guys have been incredibly hardworking, very coachable and very receptive. I've shared that I'm not trying to bring these revolutionary ideas, but we want to create a clear playing identity on the field, while also sharing the vision for what I think this program can be."

So far, players are satisfied with what they have seen from him in these interactions. The leadership he has shown, and coaching tactics seen on the field have impressed players, as they anticipate the upcoming season. Third-year midfielder and business administration major Matt Miller offered his insight into the new hire.

"Coach Scheffey seems like he operates in a very positive manner, but he's not going to take on a cheerleader role," Miller said. "He wants to push us to new levels but keep it fun enough, so we want to be there and work for him and each other."

Of course, as the offseason gets rolling, anticipation for the next season is already building. With a new coach coming in for the first time in 39 years, students, athletes and fans in the Elizabethtown area are excited to see the new product on the field. While highlighting the prominence of Roderick and the program, Scheffey emphasized his excitement to attack the offseason and challenges that lie ahead in his own way.

"With coaching, you have to coach through your personality. Skip is a legend in his own right, so for me it's trying to coach through my own personality and how I view the game and creating a clear playing identity," he said. "We want to try and disrupt teams, play high up the field and make them uncomfortable for 90 minutes … and our guys have done well to embrace that so far."

While the 2024 season is still a long way away, the men's soccer team is certainly headed in the right direction with Scheffey at the helm. The way he's attacking this opportunity speaks volumes. His hard working attitude and desire to make the team one of the best in the country should prove that the sky is the limit for the future of the Etown soccer program.

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE
BLUE JAYS
EVAN SCHEFFEY
HEAD MEN'S SOCCER COACH

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics

Elizabethtown College athletes are interested in working with Evan Scheffey as time rolls on.

Analyzing lesser-known benefits of Exercising

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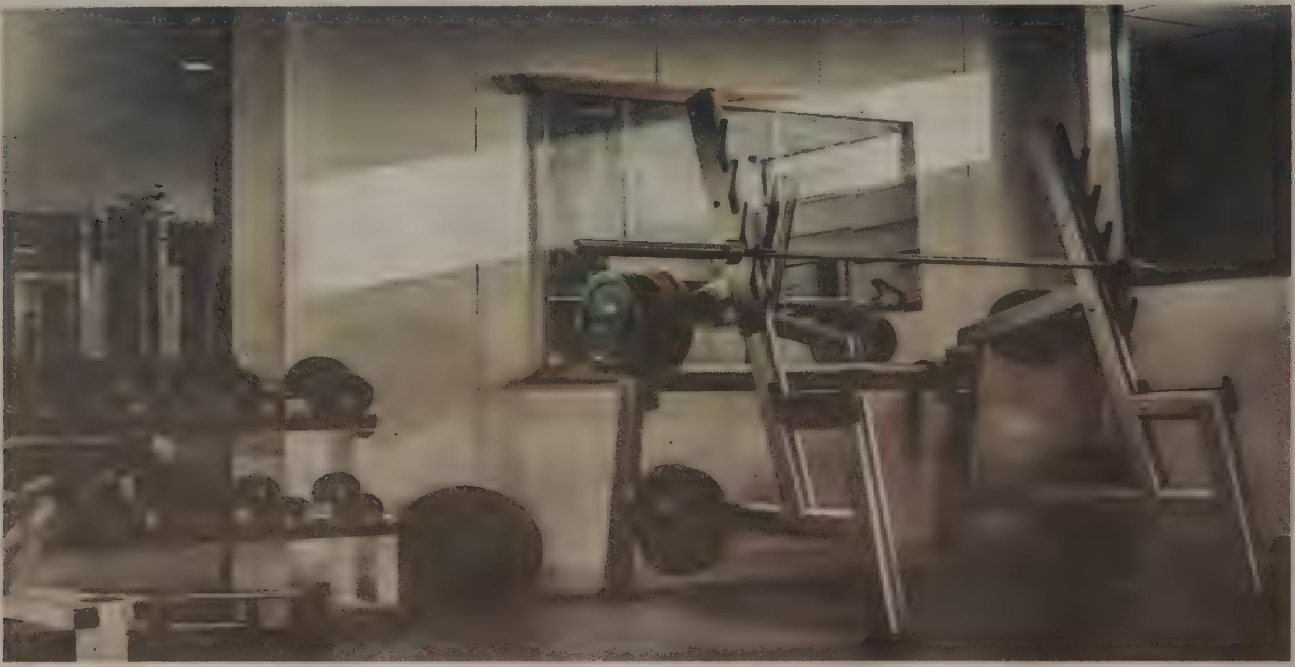
While everyone understands that exercise can keep one's well-being high, most people presumably do not understand every contribution exercise delivers. People understand exercise can help you become more flexible, energetic, and stronger, but what about the effects it has on the brain, skeleton, and one's mood? Exercise strengthens the entire body in more ways than just muscles, and this article intends to go over the more fascinating benefits one can receive from a quality workout.

For example, exercise plays a critical role regarding the condition of one's bones. A study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health goes into extensive detail regarding the relationship between exercise and bone health. Specifically, it details the process wherein bone health increases with more exercise; the more motions one performs in a day—such as those made during a workout—the more forces are applied to their bones and the more those bones adapt to those forces.

The brain also receives innumerable benefits from frequent exercise. Robert W. Baloh notes in their book "Exercise and the Brain: Why Physical Exercise Is Essential Peak Cognitive Health" how workouts can improve one's nervous system, energy throughout the day, and ability to think and reason among other benefits. They note how these traits increase with exercise due to our origins as a species, stating how "early humans engaged in a variety of cognitive functions…as they walked and ran through complex environments." The ways brains develop inevitably end up linked to the ways bodies develop.

The ways exercise could increase the health of one's brain may explain why studies showcase a link between mood and working out. In one article, the Cleveland Clinic discusses how both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Psychiatric Association highly recommend exercising as a means of combating depression. They mention how the CDC's claims are backed up by data regarding the relationship between stress and depression, and what better way is there to vent excess stress than a high-intensity workout?

Exercise may even have benefits we aren't aware of yet, as studies are finding an ever-increasing number of ways it helps one's health. One of the first lines in Baloh's book mentions how simple exercise like "a brisk walk three or four times a week" has been found to halt the progression of dementia in its early stages for several years. It's a sentiment that almost sounds too good to be true, but perfectly encapsulates just how beneficial frequent workouts can be. Regardless of any other factor involving one's health, the data and research makes one thing certain: it's never a bad idea to invest a few minutes into a good workout!



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Exercise helps strengthen more than muscles, as studies show how it provides benefits to multiple parts of the body.

The WBNA welcomes its next generation of stars

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The Women's National Basketball Association was the center of attention on the night of Monday, April 15, as they held their draft in Brooklyn, Ny. This was a special one, as not only is this a group loaded with future stars, but it's a group that's been growing the game of women's college basketball for the past couple years. Now, they'll look to continue the growth of the WNBA.

You can't walk away from the night without talking about guard Caitlin Clark and her new team in the Indiana Fever. After a beyond historic career at Iowa, Clark joins a young Fever team, immediately creating a dynamic duo with 2023 number one pick Aliyah Boston, who graduated from women's basketball powerhouse the University of South Carolina. In an interview with ESPN reporter Holly Rowe, Clark outlined her journey up to this point.

"My parents always instilled confidence in me from a young age," Clark told Rowe. "I earned it and that's why I'm so proud of it."

Clark's popularity is already having an effect on the WNBA too. Following the draft, Fanatics sold out of her new Fever jersey. With the numbers that she's already setting off the court, it's safe to say that WNBA could be in for a record year thanks to her and her fellow draftmates.

The Los Angeles Sparks are another team that were the center of attention coming out of the draft. Heading into the night, the Sparks held their own pick at number two overall, and also the fourth pick, which came from the Seattle Storm in a deal for the Sparks' 2026 first round selection. With the picks, the Sparks hit a home run. Center Cameron Brink from Stanford was their first selection. Brink offers scoring from all levels, but most notably offers high-powered defense, which earned her Defensive Player of the Year honors in college. A couple picks later, they took Tennessee forward Rickea Jackson, who is seen as an athletic, high-level scorer, seen in her 20.2 points per game on 48.5% shooting. She offered her perspective on what she can bring to the pros.

"I feel like I'm very versatile [and] I can play multiple positions," Jackson said in an ESPN interview. "There's still room to grow and I'm willing to be a sponge and continue to be a better player."

As the draft ended, the Sparks came out big winners and it's expected they've landed two franchise cornerstones.

Another lead storyline from Monday night's event was the Chicago Sky. The Sky landed two big-time additions inside with 6'7" center from South Carolina Kamilla Cardoso and electric forward from Louisiana State University Angel Reese. The team had to trade up with the Minnesota Lynx from eight to seven to set themselves in position to draft Reese, and while the Sky had to move on from a lot, they've solidified the front court for the upcoming season. These two, who squared off in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, will make it difficult for any team to find success in the paint with their defensive tendencies and ferocity on the boards, and Reese talked about how she feels about the selections.

"I'm so excited I get to play with Kamilla, I've been playing against her since high school," Reese told ESPN's Rowe. "... so I'm excited to play with Kamilla and [Teresa Weatherspoon] is amazing, she's done some great things and I'm excited to be coached by her."

There was plenty of talent in this draft and the game's growth is going to surge moving forward. With UConn guard Paige Bueckers headlining next year's draft, there will be plenty more talent and popularity joining the party. It should be a fun next few seasons to watch this league really take off.

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From Caitlin Clark to Kamilla Cardoso, the WBNA has no shortage of players to keep an eye on throughout the upcoming season.

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Class Highlights 'The Community of Etown'

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Elizabethtown College is home to many fields of study, from the arts to the sciences. Our college truly values this diversity of academics. While some may be in an Organic Chemistry Lab for 3 hours every Monday recrystallizing with Dr. Walby, others of us may spend their fair share of Tuesday evenings working tirelessly to mold their next big project out of big clumps of clay.

While all of these fields are uniquely difficult, one thing remains true for all: it's our integrity, drive and creativity in the pursuit of knowledge that separates us. This college is built off the ideas and work of its students, faculty, as well as staff and in an effort to display this out of the ashes, one course has risen to the challenge.

This past week I had the opportunity to get in touch with Dr. Wendy Bellew in the hopes of finding out more about a course she teaches titled, "ED360 – Integrated Strategies for Creative Expression in Early Childhood".

"The emphasis of the course is practicing how to incorporate creativity – fine arts, performing arts, music, movement, critical thinking, literature – into elementary classrooms, how to both infuse creativity into learning, and how to learn through creativity," Bellew said.

One student speaking on the importance of this subject said, "Creativity is important for letting students express themselves, creating a positive and fun environment, and promoting learning and growth while also building an inclusive community," second-year biology secondary education major Hannah Sharp said.

This course seems to have it all, a culmination of a variety of fields leading a creation distinct in all manners of ways.

Furthermore, it seems this course offers an exciting opportunity for its students in the form of a project of sorts. The IDEA Lab in the High Library is a hub of knowledge and creativity and it was through this outlet that a project was formulated. A project that could and would be shared throughout this campus community.

So this semester's group "felt strongly that their emphasis wanted to be the 'Community of Etown,'" Bellew said. She went on to explain, "They planned, prepared and are now implementing a campus-wide scrapbook where all members of the campus community can upload a picture showing 'what it's like to be a Jay' for them. After the pictures are developed, students can return to add their photo to one large scrapbook."

SEE COMMUNITY PAGE 3

Multiple Bias Incidents On Campus Prompt Conversation

Courtesy of Delaney Peckham

The community listened to Jihan Tyler-Owens talk about diverse staff and students' perspectives.

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On Monday April 15, the Elizabethtown College campus community received an email about a racial slur being found written on a board on the second floor of the Baugher Student Center.

While the campus waited to see what updates they would receive about who wrote the slur or what was being done, another email came in the next day. Another slur had been written in the same location. Still, there were little answers for the community frustrated by these actions.

"These senseless and hurtful acts are not tolerated at Etown. We continue to stand by our Black and African American community and our student groups, Noir and NAACP, and are strongly committed to ensuring a safe and open campus environment at Etown. Campus

SEE BIAS INCIDENT PAGE 2

Etown Celebrates Truman's Impact

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Depending on who you ask, the biggest celebrity on Elizabethtown College's campus likely isn't human. Rather, he is a big golden doodle named Truman. Truman is not your average pup: he is a therapy dog who makes his rounds around campus and even shows up at campus-wide events.

Truman is a therapy dog here at Etown, but he started as a service dog in training. He is a part of the organization KPETS, which stands for Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services. This organization trains animals, mostly dogs, to become service animals and matches them with people with disabilities who could benefit from some extra help.

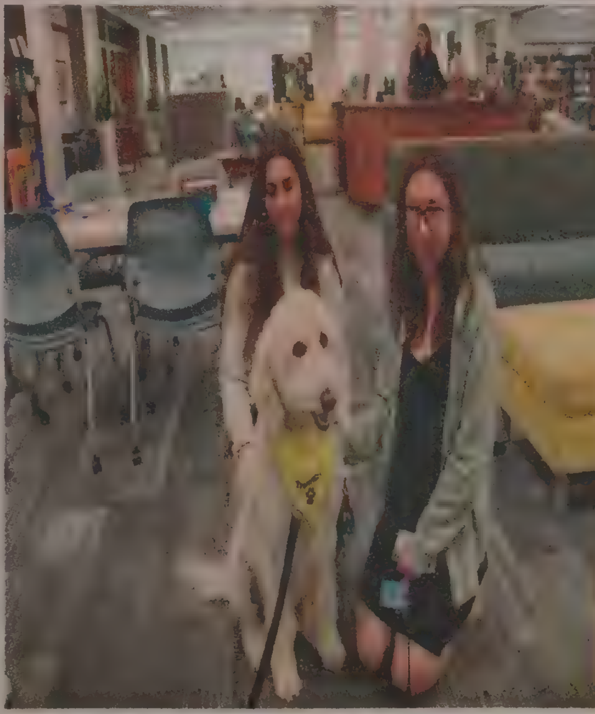
Andy Williams is the Director of Student Media and a Communications professor at Etown, as well as Truman's owner. He is proud of how far Truman has come since his first day on campus: "He started as a service dog for the first 18 months but was released. His calmness and behavior made it an easy fit for us to adopt him and move him into therapy work."

Truman was adopted just over nine years ago, on April 17th, 2015. He has been coming to Etown since he was only eight weeks old, originally as a service dog, and then, he was transitioned into the position of a therapy dog.

On an average day, Truman has a lot to do. Williams says that his dog keeps him company while he does his daily tasks, but he also has his own job to hang out with students.

"He has to do whatever I have to do for the day: support classes, work with students in the media center, attend meetings and such. In-between, I take my lunchtime to take him around campus, stops in the BSC, including the Blue Bean, Mail services and the college store, meeting as many students as we can. Some for quick pets, some for pictures or for answering questions," Williams said.

The pup has shown up to countless events over the



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Truman joined K-Pets therapy dogs' visit to the library.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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This just in screen-watchers: the House of Representatives has voted in favor of forcing Bytedance to sell TikTok to an American investor or else see it banned in the United States. Bytedpace, a Chinese-based tech company, is looking to take this to court rather than selling one of their most profitable assets.

The Senate is on track to vote on the status of the bill sometime next week. In addition to this, President Biden has indicated that he will sign the legislation once it reaches his desk.

This vote came in earlier this Saturday. The House voted in favor of this legislation by a whopping 360 to 58 bipartisan majority. The contrarians to this motion were equally bipartisan, with 33 being Democrats and 25 Republican. This particular bill was previously put forward on its own last March, giving TikTok six months to sell to a different company or else risk being banned in the US.

This time around, the motion to pressure Bytedance was included as part of a package including sanctions against Russia and Iran. This new bill extends this forced sale timeframe to nine months, with potential for more time if progress is thought to be made towards a sale. It was this increased leeway that supposedly swayed members of the House to an even greater majority vote.

Additional delays would be expected if TikTok were to take the matter to court and challenge it on First Amendment rights.

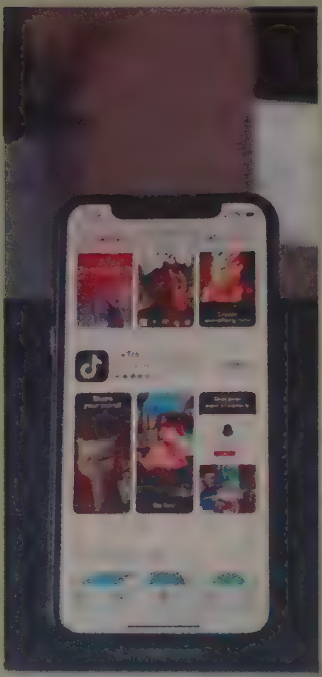
"It is unfortunate that the House of Representatives is using the cover of important foreign and humanitarian assistance to once again jam through a ban bill that would trample the free speech rights of 170 million Americans, devastate 7 million businesses and shutter a platform that contributed $24 billion to the U.S. economy, annually," TikTok policy representatives stated in a post on X (formerly known as Twitter) earlier this week ahead of the vote.

This is just the latest milestone in a history of distrust among lawmakers regarding TikTok being a potential cause for security leaks. Since 2020, U.S. officials have expressed concerns regarding TikTok and it being used to facilitate information and security leaks on both personal and national levels. FBI Director Chris Wray has gone on record deriding the app due to its Chinese-owned affiliations, despite the company's continued denial of any potential risks or affiliations with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Pushback isn't exclusively directed one-way on TikTok. As it is one of the most popular social media platforms in the current day, there is a great deal of criticism towards the seemingly lopsided stance that the federal government is taking on it.

"These videos are public, and there are hundreds of sites across the world that can track all of your information," Elizabethtown College biochemistry major Amelia Ingersoll said. "What would really change if it was an American corporation that owned it?"

Even so, everyone is waiting with bated breath to see what the members of the Senate have to say regarding the fate of TikTok here in the U.S.



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The usage of TikTok in the United States depends on upcoming legislative action.

BIAS INCIDENT PAGE 1

Campus Community Seeks Out Change Following Bias Incident

Safety and College administration are taking these incidents very seriously and are investigating," The Bias Incident Task Force wrote in a statement in the second email sent out to the college.

Additionally, the second email encouraged and promoted talk by Jihan Tyler-Owens, a lecturer of psychology and faculty fellow, who centered her talk around the experiences of BIPOC students and staff and how to better improve that experience from the perspective of the BIPOC community. Within her talk, which covered a multitude of subjects, she discussed how BIPOC students often feel isolated in their efforts and how even when professors try to open up the conversation to topics around Diversity, Equity, and Beloing (DEB), how those efforts are sometimes shut down by students.

She also discussed that sometimes white people have fatigue in talking about topics related to the struggles BIPOC individuals face, but that BIPOC students have to deal with that same struggle on a day-to-day basis with or without the conversation.

"We don't need a savior, but it would be helpful if you walked alongside us," Tyler-Owens said, speaking on the roles of so-called allies who oftentimes just want to make themselves look better rather than do the work that has to be done.

Tyler-Owens then opened up the talk to discussion around the bias incident and how it has made everyone feel. Throughout the conversation with the campus community, one common thread emerged, the idea that something has to be done to the person who wrote these words on campus.

People fear that with little action, aggressions like these will continue to happen. Nichole Gonzalez, Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students, who was present at the talk, confirmed that the investigation around the incidents was still ongoing. For BIPOC students, and Black students especially who were the target of this slur being written, this adds to the daily discrimination they face at the college.

"I think it's really frustrating that more hasn't been done to actually investigate the situation and figure out who did it. Being black on this campus is already hard enough because of how few of us there are and having people walking around without repercussions after writing racial slurs on school property makes it feel so much more unsafe," Zakiyah Grayson, a fourth-year student said.

Outside of the emotional impacts, throughout the talk there was also mention of the student body retention rate and staffing impacts it has. Without a strong community that makes space and speaks up for its Black members, especially in times where it is clear that there are members of the community with anti-Black sentiments, then Black students and staff are more likely to leave the college.

While the community can say it will change following incidents like these, actions are what truly matter. Not only recognizing but challenging the anti-Black sentiment on campus is essential for change. Etown should be a place where those with those mindsets do not feel welcome to express their opinion in any form and instead stay silent or do not stay on campus.

For students impacted by the recent targeted behavior, you are not alone and there are a myriad of resources to reach out to including the NAACP, Noir, Darcey Mills, Nichole Gonzalez, Kesha Morant Williams, Amy Shorner-Johnson and Mimi Duncan, who is a staff counselor with BIPOC focus.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In the upcoming elections this November, one of Pennsylvania's Senate seats is up for grabs between Democratic incumbent Bob Casey and challenger Dave McCormick. Although current polling indicates that this election is not going to be as close as the last Senate race between John Fetterman and Mehmet Oz, with Casey maintaining 45 percent support to McCormick's 42 percent, there are still more than six months to go until the November election and a lot can change between now and then. Who are these candidates? Why does Bob Casey have such a commanding lead in the race? And why is this race so important?

Senator Casey was first elected to office in 2006 and is running for his fourth term. Prior to being elected senator, Bob Casey served in statewide elected positions as State Treasurer and Auditor General and is the son of our former governor, Robert Casey Senior, who served as Governor of Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1995. The Casey family dynasty can trace its roots back to Northeast Pennsylvania, where Senator Casey's grandfather worked as a coal miner in the Scranton area until he was able to attend Fordham Law School. Casey's father, Robert Casey Sr. showed determination and grit, making a three-time losing run for Governor of Pennsylvania before winning in two consecutive terms that left him one of the most popular governors in state history. Senator Casey has continued this tradition, turning a loss in his initial election bid for Governor into a successful run for the Senate in 2006. Senator Casey became the first Democrat in state history to be elected to three consecutive terms and is well known for his down-to-earth attitude and centrist political positions. Senator Casey captured statewide support in his previous three elections, winning with 58, 53, and 55 percent of the vote each time.

His challenger, Dave McCormick is a hedge fund manager who was appointed as Under Secretary for the Treasury and International Affairs, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs and Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security in the President George W. Bush administration. McCormick is a seventh generation Pennsylvanian and is the son of the former President of Bloomsburg University. He attended West Point University and graduated in 1987 before enlisting in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper who served in the first Gulf War in 1991. He was the CEO of Bridgewater Associates, a hedge fund investment firm, and lived in Westport Connecticut from 2009 to 2022 until he resigned to run for U.S. Senate seat previously held by Pat Toomey. He would narrowly lose to Mehmet Oz, a Trump endorsed candidate, by less than 1,000 votes statewide. He is now running unopposed in the 2024 Republican primary and is the presumed challenger to take on Senator Casey in the fall.

Casey's centrist support has proven very popular with independent voters, a key demographic in Pennsylvania politics. Independent voters traditionally have been very supportive of Casey and according to the Hill, independent voters favor Casey 42 percent over McCormick's percent, with another 29 percent undecided. In addition, almost 10 percent of Pennsylvania's Trump supporters intend to vote for Casey in the fall according to the Hill, which once again signals the cross-platform strength of incumbent Senator Casey in Pennsylvania. McCormick will have a tough hill to climb with independent voters ahead of the general election in November. Currently, the U.S. Senate is almost evenly split with Democrats controlling 51 seats and Republicans 49 seats, which hasn't left much room for candidates to maneuver in this year's Senate elections. If Democrats want to maintain their majority in the Senate, it will be critical for them to retain Senator Casey as one of Pennsylvania's two Democratic Senators. The Republicans likewise are eyeing up Senator Casey's seat as a way to achieve a majority in the Senate which could give them control over both houses of Congress and allow them enact their agenda even if Biden retains the White House. This could mean blocking Biden's judicial nominees, enacting a national abortion ban, more tax cuts for the wealthy and possible cuts to social security and medicare. Much is at stake in the upcoming election cycle and it is certainly reason enough to get out and vote.

This will be my last Pennsylvania Politics article for the Etownian and I hope that my column has made a difference in our campus political discourse. Remember to stay engaged in our national, state and local politics. Above all, get out and vote to make your voice heard and be the one who helps keep our democracy strong and resilient for the next generation.

Upcoming Project Emphasizes Community

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Looking forward it seems that this project will be highly beneficial to the campus community in more ways than one.

This project will allow for the campus to become an overall more tight-knit community, bringing together students and faculty from many various backgrounds.

This in turn will also craft bridges, not only between majors and fields of study but also between students of differing years.

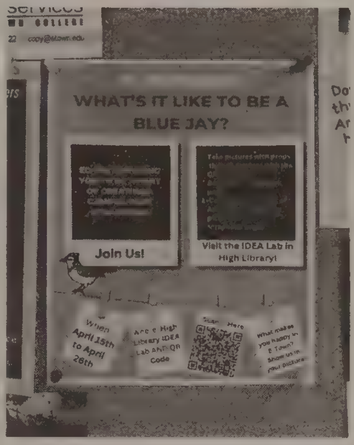
"This is an exhilarating opportunity to unite students and faculty alike," Camdyn Buohl, first-year biochemistry major, said.

This will also allow students to reflect on the future of times of old, to reminisce on their soon-to-be missed outgoing seniors and some leaving staff.

This will also allow for new students in the future to begin to embrace the many traditions of the college and this campus in general.

To begin the transition into what it means to be a student here at Etown.

"The class hopes this scrapbook can be displayed in a place where it can be viewed by current students and prospective students alike," Bellew said.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What makes you happy in E-Town? Show us in your picture

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Posters hung around Nicarry advertise the effort.

Truman Comforts Campus Community

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years, including Homecoming, first-year move-in day, commencement and Accepted Students Days for prospective students. During his long reign as Etown's most famous dog, Truman has both welcomed new students and said goodbye to graduating students.

He also served as a judge for Mx. Etown on Friday, April 26th. This show is a pageant for competing students to represent their residence halls.

Truman is a beloved member of the Etown community, and his presence is always sure to make people smile. According to Williams, the dog loves hanging out with students as much as they love to hang out with him.

Elise McCann is a first-year biotechnology major who loves to see Truman every once in a while.

"I feel happy when I see him because he's always happy and calm, and also because he's so cute!"

It is heartwarming to see how excited the campus community gets when Truman is around; the dog has made a huge impact on Etown students and faculty just by lowering their stress a little bit.

"We are blessed to share him with our campus family; he truly loves to visit and hang out with the students and be the unofficial mascot of Etown," Williams said. "When someone says, "This just made my day," I think it lets us know this is the job for him."

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

Accepted students pose alongside Truman.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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In a world climate of constant wars, dictators flashing the nuclear button, and unstable and unnerving elections it can be a lot sometimes to just go about our days without always looking over our shoulders. However, for every bad news line there is still another good happening in this world. Even if it's a Nigerian chess champion playing to beat the world record of longest consecutive chess marathon to help raise money for child education.

Tunde Onakoya is a 29-year-old native Nigerian chess champion and activist who has been campaigning to help the current children's education crisis gripping Africa, especially his home in Nigeria. Coming from an impoverished background himself, Tunde saw no way out until he was introduced to the game of chess. Taking that experience, he wishes to give that opportunity to all children struggling financially and he founded Chess in Slums Africa in 2018 to help make that reality true. They are an organization that uses chess to inspire, teach and help African children struggling to get an education. So far, they have helped by giving over 200 children lifelong scholarships for their education.

Tunde has also been captivating the world stage this year with his performance back in February at the Digital–Life – Design conference in Berlin. He faced severe visa difficulties but still managed to make it there and beat 10 opponents in chess at the same time. He is formidable at this game, so it makes sense that he finally went for a world record in the game that saved his life.

This brings us to this past week, where in New York City he set up a table in Times Square and set out to play the longest chess marathon ever recorded. The record he had to beat was 56 hours, 9 minutes and 37 seconds which was set in 2018 by Hallvard Haug Flatebø and Sjur Ferkingstad of Norway. So, he and Shawn Martinez, a U.S. chess champion (since the record requires the same two players to stay for the whole duration), began playing sometime last Thursday, April 18, ending just this last Saturday, April 20, for a record of 60 hours. When he beat the record at hour 58, Tunde took to X, formally known as Twitter, to announce that he was going for 60 and to encourage others to keep donating to hopefully reach his goal of 1 million dollars towards his charity. By the end he would raise around 110,000 dollars for his charity.

He did face some challenges during this marathon, bad weather and accidental milk in his coffee even though he was lactose intolerant just to name a few.

He had plenty of support though, with hundreds of people coming out to show their support throughout the whole process, including some celebrities like Nigerian Afrobeat's superstar Davido and singer Adekunle Gold. He was also provided with a 5-minute break every hour which gave him time to meet and talk with his fans in the audience. Overall, it was a beautiful time and a beautiful cause within such a time of tragedy.

Business Buzz

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Shoppers who prefer self-checkouts will be disappointed as giant retailers, such as Walmart, Target, Five Below and Dollar General, start to phase out self-service lanes from their stores. This is an attempt to avoid shrinkage, or stolen merchandise. In 2022, Target lost over $200 million dollars because of shrinkage.

Walmart has already removed the self-checkout lanes from two stores this year: one in Shrewsbury, Mo and one in Cleveland, Oh. Three locations in Albuquerque, Nm. faced similar renovations last year. A Walmart spokesperson said, in email to CBS MoneyWatch, ""We believe the change will improve the in-store shopping experience and give our associates the chance to provide more personalized and efficient service."

According to a report done by the Business Inside, this is not the first time that Walmart has attempted to limit shrink. They armed their self-checkout observers with a handheld device that tracked customers' purchases. However, these employees are not properly trained to handle theft situations, especially when the person becomes hostile. Limiting self-checkouts could be Walmart's new way of protecting their employees, while also protecting their profits.

In March 2024, Target announced that their self-checkouts will be limited to customers with ten or less items. They said that they will be opening more human-staffed lines to accommodate customers, a common complaint Target shoppers have had for years. Target's press release claims that this is because of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, in which customers preferred contactless options due to health and safety concerns.

Also, in March 2024, Five Below reported that they too were limited self-checkouts. All 1,500 locations will be transitioning to employee-assisted checkouts. At locations where shrink levels are high, there will be receipt checking, more security guards and extra employees on the floor.

At Dollar General, they are removing self-checkouts from the top 300 stores that report the most shrinkage.Approximately 4,500 other locations' self-checkouts will be limited to five items or less. According to Fox Business, Dollar General is already working on converting over 9,000 stores from self-checkouts to 'assisted self-checkout' options.

The loss of self-checkouts makes one question tech giant Amazon's Go stores, which have no cashiers at all. In fact, the stores don't even have registers. Customers download the Amazon Go app, scan their app at a reader when they enter the store, shop, leave and then their Amazon carts are charged accordingly. Amazon uses AI and camera sensors, so that customers can simply pick up their item without needing to scan it.

Only the future can tell if stores will continue removing self-checkouts, which limit convenience, or if Amazon's cashierless stores, which destroys jobs, will become our new shopping norm.

Courtesy of Ben Schumin via Wikimedia

The loss of self-checkout lanes may lead to increased interaction with cashiers.

Etown celebrates campus community's achievements

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The Distinguished Student Awards are given to two students from each class year who showcase the integration of the four signature learning attributes at Etown. From left: Sheyla Sosa, Samhar Almomani and Misaki Yamaguchi.

On April 17, Etown held the 46th annual Student Awards Ceremony. During this celebration of campus community achievement, various offices commend students, faculty and staff for their accomplishments during the previous academic year. Some of the offices present are the Office of Housing & Residence Life, the Center for Civic and Community Engagement (CCCE), the Chaplain's Office, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB), Student Assembly, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) as well as overall Distinguished Student Awards and the Points of Distinction Award – the highest Student Life honor a student can receive at Etown.

The Distinguished Student Awards are given to two students from each class year who showcase the integration of the four signature learning attributes at Etown, which include relationship-centered learning, international and cross-cultural perspectives, real-world learning and purposeful work.

From the winners of the Distinguished Student Awards, one person will receive the Points of Distinction Award. This award is given to the student that is believed to have shown the integration of the four signature learning attributes to the highest degree.

Students are nominated for these awards through faculty, staff and/or other students. Upon being nominated, students are asked to submit an application that includes an essay which focuses on a major learning experience that describes their time at Etown and the different influential experiences they had during their years at the College.

The Student Assembly awards faculty and students who were deemed exceptional in their field during the Student Awards Ceremony. An example of these awards is the Richard Crocker Award, which rewards an outstanding faculty member for their dedication to engaging students both inside and outside the classroom, allowing them to foster a meaningful relationship with their students. The Student Assembly also provides awards for Etown clubs and organizations. The awards are given based on three categories: Impactful Service, Exceptional Event, and Outstanding Engagement.

OSA awards students who have worked towards providing a robust student experience on campus. Some of the awards included are the OSA Advisor of the Year Award, the OSA Leadership Award and the OSA Leader on the Horizon Award.

Housing and Residence Life Awards are given to honor the students who have left an impact on their residential communities and their peers. The winners of these awards are decided by the Community Living staff. One of the awards given is the Housing and Residence Life Legacy Award, which is given to a student who has made a lasting impact on their residential communities.

The CCCE, DEB and the Chaplain's Office provide awards for students who demonstrate a commitment to benefiting the lives of other students, advocating for social justice and working towards making Etown's campus more inclusive. Each of these offices have unique awards that are used to honor students who went above and beyond in their work as a campus leader.

While celebrating the achievements of the campus community, we also celebrated the hard work that Amy Berra, Senior Assistant to Student Life, and other Student Life staff put into hosting such an event that provides memorable experiences for the campus community. Without their unwavering commitment to providing students with a great Etown experience, we would not have been able to gather together and celebrate everyone's achievements. Campus community members are encouraged to check the Etown News website in the upcoming weeks for the published list of award winners.

Features Editor Farewell

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It feels like it was only yesterday when I sent my first article to the Etownian, in the fall semester of my freshman year. Since then, everything else has changed, but writing for the Etownian has remained the constant in my college career that reminded me that college is more than attending classes and doing your homework. College is about learning what truly interests you and what you enjoy doing.

I first joined Etown as a biotechnology major, but ended up changing into public health as soon as that became a major offered at the college.

Writing for the Etownian has undoubtedly played a part in my decision to change majors, as the main reason that I switched majors is because I wanted to work on things that affect people day-to-day and see practical changes. In many ways, writing for a newspaper accomplishes that. As a writer and journalist, you are reporting on things that people care about, and are affecting change by shining the spotlight on various issues.

Through the many newspaper layouts and brainstorm meetings, I found a community at the Etownian that was supportive and understanding.

Members of the Etownian team ensured that I understood that my writing should not feel like a tiring task. It should not feel like just another assignment on my plate. Rather, I should feel joy while writing, and fulfillment when submitting my article. That is exactly how I have felt every time I wrote an article these past four years.

One thing that makes me happy is that the Etown community cares about the Etownian.

Articles published in the newspaper are read, shared and talked about. I found that I am able to bring attention to several issues through my work with the Etownian. For example, when the Student Assembly

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My memorable experience as Features Editor

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referendum was being voted on, I felt that not enough students were aware of what was happening. I ended up writing an article discussing the referendum, and the article was widely shared. I am confident that I leave behind a skilled editor, Cindy Moukoro, that is capable of continuing this important work.

These experiences with the Etownian made me realize that I did not need to leave writing behind in high school due to my major. The past four years have cemented the fact that I am able to incorporate writing, which I love, with every aspect of my future career. I am grateful for the opportunities I was given to be reminded of how important writing is to me.

As I close out this final chapter of my journey at not just the Etownian but also Etown, I cannot help but imagine how different my college experience would have been if I had not participated in various campus clubs and activities, such as the Etownian.

I often catch myself thinking that if I were to relive my college career, I do not think I would have done anything differently. I have enjoyed being an Etown student, an Etownian writer, and being a part of numerous other clubs on campus. I can only hope that future students will feel the same way at the end of their four years.

Photo courtesy of Samhar Almomani

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Cheers to 3 years: Farewell from Faith Morrow, Online Editor

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Managing the Etownian's website and social media for the past three years as the online editor has been my passion project. Entering college, I knew I wanted to get involved in student journalism, but I definitely didn't anticipate becoming so familiar with the digital and promotional side of things. I'm so glad I did.

I've been fascinated with journalism since I joined my high school newspaper, "The Lancer Ledger." When a new issue came out, I'd march down the halls with my manilla envelope stuffed with fresh newspapers. We sold them for $1 and included a free cookie, but sometimes people only bought them for the cookie. I was just happy there was a newspaper in their hands.

Photo courtesy of Faith Morrow

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This excitement for sharing news became even more prominent in my life after I became the online editor my second year of college. I wasn't entirely sure what I was getting into, but the editors trusted me enough to become the official glorified password keeper of the newspaper.

Just kidding – being the online editor involves a lot more than updating passwords, although many people don't know what I actually do. A more explanatory title for my position would be website administrator and social media manager.

Starting off, I knew nothing about overseeing a website, let alone WordPress. But over the years, WordPress and I have become close frenemies. I distinctly remember the website crashed during my first few weeks without me doing anything to it, and I was terrified it would never return. Fortunately, it did!

But despite the learning curve I've had with WordPress, I'm happy with how comfortable I've gotten with the basics.

Updating our website each week with new articles, adding new authors, updating our staff page and choosing featured stories for our carousel makes me feel good that anyone can access our news easily online.

Managing our social media came a little more naturally to me, but I had a hard time knowing where to start. Our Instagram and Facebook pages were established, but they lacked a strong, consistent brand identity that users could identify with. If you scroll through our Instagram profile, you can literally see our branding evolve as I experimented with different graphic design styles until I created one that was just right. From ads to staff posts to silly reels, I've thoroughly enjoyed designing, writing, scheduling and sharing posts to help promote our journalism.

As I wrote this article, I reviewed some of our analytics to see just how far we've come in three years. Since 2021, our website has had nearly 186,000 visitors!

To think that so many people have viewed our work is astounding. We've gained about 460 new Instagram followers which is a 104 percent increase! Over 2,600 people have clicked the link to our website from our Instagram.

And on Facebook, we now have over 1,060 people who follow our page. These numbers help demonstrate just how far our staff's journalistic work has extended.

I'm so appreciative of all my Etownian friends I've made over the years.

Thank you for putting up with my photo specifications, participating in my goofy Instagram Reels and including me in brainstorm meetings as I managed our digital little world!

It's been a pleasure.

Q&A with Etown's Dr. Tara Moore

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Photo courtesy of Dr. Tara Moore

Dr. Moore is taking students on a fifteen day-long trip over the summer of 2024 to England.

As someone who enjoyed studying abroad during her time in college, Tara Moore is bringing her own experiences to the students at Elizabethtown College. Dr. Moore, the Director of the English Professional Writing and First Year Writing Program at the College, is taking students on a fifteen day-long trip over the summer of 2024 to England, from May 14-May 28. This trip will count as a 4-credit, 100 level course centered around an introduction to British literature; students will visit Oxford, Bath, Winchester and London.

A sit-down discussion with Moore brought to light the importance of experiential learning through her course.

Anslee Gerhardt: What are you most excited about [for the upcoming trip]?

Tara Moore: "Well, it's a thrill to take students to England and introduce them to global travel, as well as to British culture. I enjoy taking them to the Globe Theatre the most because they just get a kick out of seeing performers acting on the stage that's…very traditional 16th century theater performances. And we're also going to be taking a boat trip on the Thames in London."

Gerhardt: How are your personal interests aligned with this trip?

Moore: Well, I really enjoy planning trips, and I enjoy being in the UK. My last trip in 2022 was the first time we went to Jane Austen's cottage and that was the first time I made it [into the cottage]. I think when I was a grad-student I got there, but the house was closed so I didn't have a chance to tour it. So that was just a very exciting day. We were given a tour by her brother's descendant, somebody who's actually blood related to Jane Austen. They have great cakes. I like the food a lot. And it's just kind of a break from regular life.

Gerhardt: What will participants of this trip gain from the experience that they would not gain from a classroom?

Moore: That is something that we think about trying to give them experiential learning, like on-site learning you can't do in a classroom. We don't do close reading on the trip, and we don't do…hardly any sit-down conversation. So, seeing the Regency settings and seeing costumes and architecture associated with the time periods that the books are written in, I think that gives students a good introduction to different time periods that they might not already know a lot about. Especially when we see how theater is performed,at the Globe, which is an open air theatre with a lot of people standing…but to see the groundlings just standing there and the actors interacting with them, that's something you can't get from reading a Shakespeare play or even watching a film adaptation of it.

Gerhardt: How does hands-on exposure to literature impact one's own imagination?

Moore: I think that's different for everybody. To me, it makes all these authors so much more real, to be in the places that inspired them. One of the limitations is a lot of these locations have changed and used to be very rural…I know when I was an undergrad student traveling in England, I wanted to go to these places. I wanted to go to the Brontes house and hike around [the moors]. I think the same can be said of Romantic poets, because we can still try to capture some of that experience that they lived through.

Gerhardt: What is one item you will not forget to pack?

Moore: I don't have a cute answer. I have lots of lists and lots of tickets. So hopefully, all of those make it into the bag. Comfortable shoes.

Gerhardt's interview with Moore has been edited for length and clarity.

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> *~Dr. Tara Moore*

Which track from Taylor Swift's new album are you?

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It's my favorite time of year, Blue Jays! Taylor Swift just released her tenth studio album (excluding her re-records) called "The Tortured Poets Department" (TTPD) on April 19. I, like so many other Swift fans, stayed up late to listen to the album and destroy my sleep schedule. Since its release, I've only listened to those 31 tracks, and I am OBSESSED! So, in honor of Swift already breaking records with her latest album, let's find out what TTPD track you are based on your zodiac. Don't forget to look at your sun, moon and rising to create your perfect playlist!

Aries: Your song is "Fresh Out The Slammer." Fans of Swift's "Getaway Car" will love this song with its story of newfound freedom. A notable lyric is "All those nights you kept me going/ Swirled you into all of my poems."

Taurus: Your song is "But Daddy I Love Him." This track is about believing in your own choices, even when the entire world is against you. A notable lyric is "I'll tell you something about my good name/It's mine alone to disgrace."

Gemini: You are "The Albatross," which tells the story of people misinterpreting a sign and thinking its a bad omen when really it's good luck. A notable lyric is "I'm the life you chose/And all this terrible danger.

Cancer: You are "Robin." The narrator in this song describes an innocent person they wish to protect. It's reminiscent of Swift's "Never Grow Up." A notable lyric is "You have a favorite spot on the swing set/You have no room in your dreams for regret."

Leo: You are "I Can Do It With a Broken Heart." In this song, Swift sings about how her career is thriving but her heart is breaking and the dichotomy of emotions this brings. A notable lyric is "I cry a lot, but I am so productive/It's an art."

Virgo: You are "I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can)." Here, the narrator is discussing a relationship that they are positive they can make better. A notable lyric is "He had a halo of the highest grade/He just hadn't met me yet."

Libra: You are "The Alchemy." Arguably the most romantic song on the album, Swift talks about a newfound relationship that can't be fought. A notable lyric is "Where's the trophy?/He just comes running over to me."

Scorpio: Your song is "Who's Afraid of Little Old Me?" This song describes the feeling of being frustrated with everyone doubting you. A notable lyric is "So I leap from the gallows and I levitate down your street."

Sagittarius: Your song is "The Bolter," which is about knowing when it's time to leave a situation and move on. A notable lyric is "You can be sure/That as she was leaving/It felt like freedom."

Capricorn: Your song is "Florida!!!" featuring Florence + The Machine. This song describes working as hard as you can and sometimes needing place to escape. A notable lyric is ""And this city reeks of driving myself crazy."

Aquarius: Your song is the title track, "The Tortured Poets Department," which is about two artists learning to navigate their relationship. A notable lyric is "But I've read this one/Where you come undone/I chose this cyclone with you."

Pisces: Your song is "I Hate It Here," which describes escaping to your fantasy world when real life isn't up to your standards. A notable lyric is "I'll save all my romanticism for my inner life and I'll get lost on purpose."

Photo Courtesy of Chandler McGuire

These are just two of the four "The Tortured Poets Department" album variations. McGuire owns all four, continuing to add to her growing collection.

Read All About Rory the Frog's History

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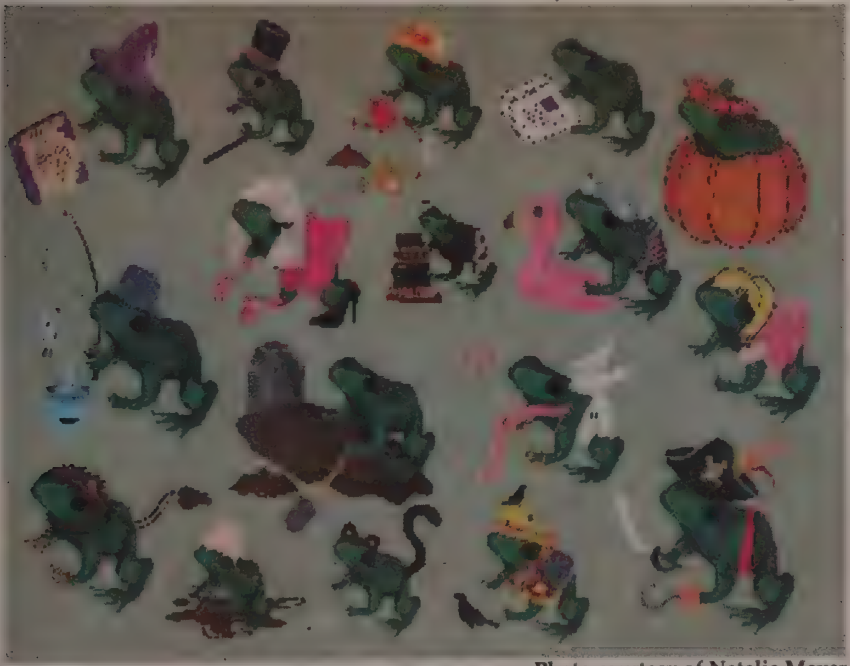
This academic year has been a big one for many reasons, but for all those who work on the Etownian's Campus Life section, this year marks the triumph of our mascot Rory as he made his way into the minds and hearts of all of our readers.

Despite his newfound reputation, many of our readers don't know the story of Rory or how he came to be our cherished mascot. As such, for our last issue of the academic year, let's dive into the history of Rory the Frog.

Rory's journey began over four years ago at the hands of the 2023 alumna and then Campus Life Editor, Elizabeth Cunningham. Rory started as a simple way to fill the white space in the Campus Life section, but quickly became something much more, as he slowly evolved to include things such as Rory's Comedy Corner and, as of this year, gained a rotating closet of thematically cute outfits.

Rory descends from a storied line of historical figures including Cleopatra, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Napoleon, Galileo, Diogenes and more.

Once upon a time, all the sections had mascots, but over time, each of the various sections gave up on their beloved mascots, leaving only Marvin the Monkey, the mascot of the Sports section of the newspaper, and Rory the Frog.



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Rory the Frog has had many outfits over his time at the Etownian. Here are a few of his more recent iterations.

Unfortunately, as of this year, Rory stands alone in our newspaper, after the tragic "disappearance" of Marvin.

Now that Rory is the solitary mascot left on the Etownian, he has been able to see his greatest dream realized, being printed in color. With this new enhancement, Rory surged into the hearts and minds of students around campus, some even carrying around small images of him with them.

Initially, Rory was located in the activities box that encases the tic-tac-toe board and the word search. However, Rory's upgrade allowed him to breach the activities section into bigger and better things.

His colorful form allowed him to be dressed up in outfits by Campus Life Editor Charlie Carberry, which then evolved into what is now Rory's Comedy Corner. The artwork of Rory is created nowadays by Assistant Campus Life Editor Natalie Meyer using a combination of Canva, Photoshop, and paint.net to create and adjust assets to fit him.

Between his first outfit as a cowboy rancher, to his numerous other outfits including, but not limited to, a cat, Barbie, a vampire, a scarecrow, a pirate, a lion, Cupid, a winter outfit, a dark academia outfit, a gardener, a "graverobber," a drag queen, a fisherman, a swimsuit, a wizard and a pumpkin– all that can be said for sure is that he is a model Renaissance frog.

In this issue, you can find him donning a wonderful detective outfit! One might wonder, as I once did, how does Rory have the time to pursue all these different jobs while still carrying the entire Campus Life section on his back?

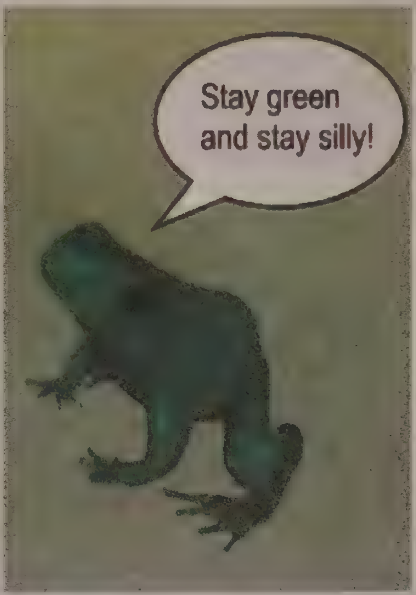
Stay green and stay silly!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Meyer

Rory the Frog expresses his life values and encourages Etown students to do the same.

Meyer answers this query, "Rory does not follow the conventions of human society, and therefore does what he likes without regard for the construct of time."

Looking to the future, now that Rory has accomplished his goal of being in color, he has set his sights on his next goal, getting merchandise in the Etown school store! From there, he aims to become the official school mascot, replacing the Blue Jay.

Rory wants to thank his fans all through Elizabethtown College for supporting him throughout his time here in Campus Life as you all have read his jokes, admired his outfits and brought him to his new colorful form. Rory also wants all of his readers to remember to stay green and stay silly.

Editor-In-Chief Chandler McGuire Says Farewell

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In August of 2021, my second year at Elizabethtown College, I was broke and desperate for a job. My job at home paid only a quarter of minimum wage, and that was not going to cut it with my coffee addiction. I had a two-week stint in Dining Services where I worked at The Grill, but that was not the job for me. In the High Library, I scrolled through the job postings on the career portal and saw a listing for the Assistant Campus Life Editor. In high school, I served as the Editor-in-Chief of our paper, and I missed writing articles so I applied on a whim.

I remember how nervous I was for my interview, where I met then Campus Life Editor, 2023 English literature alumna Elizabeth Cunningham. I remember not knowing how to navigate Steinman Center for Communications and Art, and having no clue where to find the newsroom. Most of all, I remember how excited I was when I got that email on Sept. 2, 2021 that I had been hired.

And the rest is history.

I worked my way up through the ranks from Assistant Campus Life Editor to Campus Life Editor to Managing Editor to now Editor-in-Chief. I loved every role that I had, and while as Editor-in-Chief don't have a favorite section, Campus Life will always hold a special place in my heart. It fulfilled my childhood dream of working at Buzzfeed, and I always enjoyed writing the Horoscopes even though they were so silly.

The Etownian reminds me a lot of my relationship with my brother. It drives me crazy (thank you Adobe for creating InDesign, the worst program to ever exist), but I also hold a lot of fondness in my heart for this little paper. My experience here is why I got hired at my two internships and the reason I have a job after graduating. Had I not made the spur-of-the-moment decision to apply, I wouldn't be where I am. And that is so worth the gray hairs I have now.

More than the skills I gained, I love the Etownian because of the relationships I've fostered. For example, Cunningham became a dear friend of mine. Charlie Carberry, the Campus Life Editor, joined the Etownian at my insistence, and they've taken Rory, Campus Life's mascot, to new heights. Really, every person who pours hours of time into this paper every week is someone I have the utmost respect for. I will miss our brainstorms and you all putting up with my icebreakers.

To DaniRae Renno, the current Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief in just a few weeks, I wish you luck, though I know you don't need it. Your brightly shining optimism inspires me every day. I can't wait to see the paper thrive next year.

My room is littered with all the many, many copies of the Etownian I've worked on. Years from now, when I find a crumpled copy with faded ink at the bottom of one of my junk drawers, I'll smile and be grateful for this little piece of time. Then, I'll force whoever is around me to hear whatever 'blank' they are based on their zodiac sign.

Photo courtesy of Chandler McGuire

McGuire has done a lot during her time here at Elizabethtown College, including visiting Rome while studying abroad in England.

RORY'S COMEDY CORNER

Why are frogs bad detectives?

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Campus Life Editor Charlie Carberry Says Farewell

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I didn't start off my college career as a professional writing major, so I certainly didn't expect myself to be interested in Elizabethtown College's newspaper. My goal was to not join any clubs, sports, ensembles or extracurriculars so I could focus on my studies in Neuropsychology. Well, spoiler alert, I realized I hated it about five weeks in, and longed for the time to read novels and write essays. By the time the next semester rolled around, I started pursuing my Bachelor's in English and was much happier. With less time stressing and studying, I found myself wanting to do more with my writing skills.

During my second year, I took a journalism class that I really enjoyed! I loved being able to turn my assignments in for both class credit and to be published in the Etownian. These articles were my first experience with the Etownian, but the article that really got me interested was my first article for Campus Life, an April Fool's article on their mascot, Rory the Frog.

After talking with Editor-in-Chief Chandler McGuire about Rory's likes, dislikes, history and dreams, I knew I had to know more about the Etownian. After my journalism class ended and my friendship with McGuire started to develop, I saw that the Etownian was hiring, and I started to consider throwing my hat in the ring. Once I told McGuire I was interested, she grabbed on and didn't let go until I promised to go for an interview.

I would have been happy with any position, but I was really hoping to become the Assistant Editor for Campus Life. After my interview, I was so happy that I got the position I wanted, and my passion for the section only strengthened over time. Campus Life may seem like it just has "fluff" articles, but we make people laugh, give them something to discuss, show them something new to check out and let people get to know their fellow students. These "fluff" pieces are really important in bringing the student body together, especially with Rory.

I was so excited to continue developing Rory as I became the Editor for Campus Life, and I was so happy to convince my friend Natalie Meyer to join as the Assistant Editor. I'd like to think I did my best to make Rory's outfits with free graphics on Canva, but Meyer's photoshop skills are unmatched, and I don't know what I or Rory would do without her. Rory now has his own comedy corner, and regales readers with his amusing jokes and charming outfits.

Every week, Adobe InDesign finds a new way to challenge us when putting together the layout, but through tears (of frustration and laughter) we find a way to stitch these pieces into what readers know as Campus Life. I can only hope the next Assistant Editor of Campus Life will be as good of a partner to Natalie as she is for me.

I've made it my mission to have a copy of every single issue of the Etownian that I've had a part in creating. I'm not sure I have each issue, but I have so many that they're spilling out of my desk drawers, and I wouldn't part with a single one. I love going through and reading the other sections' articles, completing the word search (that I make most of the time), and seeing Rory in all his green glory in his comedy corner.

No matter how frustrated InDesign made me, I'd say that some of my favorite memories from college took place in the newsroom, in front of our computer, with the upcoming issue pulled up on the screen. The Etownian will always have a special place in my heart, and I will continue to stay up to date with all of Rory's outfits and jokes, the Horoscopes and the History Fact.

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When Carberry isn't working on the layout, they enjoy spending time with friends outdoors. Pictured is Carberry with a hubcap they placed in a tree.

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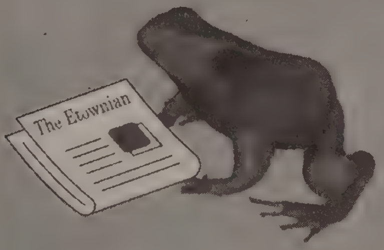

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Elizabethtown College History Fact

The High Library was named in honor S. Dale High, a class of 1963 graduate of Elizabethtown College. With the help of a generous gift from the High Foundation of Lancaster, the new library's construction began on March 14, 1989, and the building dedication was on September 22, 1990.

Information taken from The High Library Website.

Activity Review: Goat Yoga

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Elizabethtown College values and prioritizes physical and mental health for all its students, providing upbeat exercise classes at the Bowers Center, access to counseling and a source of good coffee at our beloved Blue Bean.

Yoga is well known for allowing meditation and relaxation of the mind, body and soul. Despite this, there is one crucial factor missing— goats!

This recent campus activity took the crown for providing healing services to students. Picture a sunny afternoon in a grassy field, a warm breeze blowing, students enjoying the calming practice of yoga and little baby goats running around your feet. As if this isn't enough, put them into jumpers, pink overalls and baby t-shirts and you enter a cuteness coma.

Thanks to the College, Buttinhead Farms and their goats, students were able to attend the goat yoga event, free of charge. Yoga was led by instructor Ashley Raspen. I thoroughly enjoyed Raspen's focus on partner yoga, where each participant paired up with their friend or neighbor and shared their gratitude towards each other.

Most goats were less than a few months old, and one was just born the morning of the event.The youngest goat had not yet set foot on the grass by himself, not quite able to walk on his own. He took his first unsteady steps on Brinser field, and soon he will be doing yoga and jumping onto peoples' backs all on his own.

Students who attended entered an area enclosed by a fence to place their mats down. Soon after, about 15 goats were released, able to freely run around, snack on tasty grass and nestle into students' laps.

Because of the goats' young ages, they were considered more inexperienced with yoga practices than they would have been at an older age. Helpers were actively teaching new goat "trainees" how to participate in yoga by assisting them up onto peoples' backs in various poses. Once they are older and big enough, they will learn how to do this on their own. The youngest of the goats were still learning how to walk properly, most of them needing to be bottle-fed halfway through!

Immediately following goat yoga was goat therapy, which consisted of playing and cuddling with the friendliest goats. Several of the goats became quite sleepy following the yoga session, so obviously, they took long naps in students' warm laps to soak up the sun. My favorite of all the goats was named Eclipse, as he had just been born during the recent solar eclipse only a few days before. He fought to stay awake during yoga, immediately falling into a deep slumber in my lap in the sun right after.

If you are looking for a uniquely healing experience to connect with peers and animals, I highly recommend trying out goat yoga.

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Pictured with these baby goats are Jamal Nasiri, London Cerullo, Sydney Seyler, Mariss Puleo, and Kate Wellons.

Job Spotlight: Evan Kohlbus

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Elizabethtown College's High Library offers a multitude of services for students, faculty and community members. In addition to the extended catalog of books available both in print for checkout and online as e-books through the High Library's website and databases, other materials like laptops and laptop chargers, games, movies, CDs and music scores are also available, as well as desktop computers, printers and even a coffee kiosk to keep you awake and help you get all your work done.

The reference desk is the place to go when you have a burning question in relation to your class assignments, like finding sources and how to cite them. But where do you go for help with checking out a book or for printer troubles? That's where Student Library Assistants like third-year professional writing major Evan Kohlbus come in.

"At the High Library, I spend a lot of time helping patrons check in books, check out books and renew items," Kohlbus said. "I also assist in the large-scale projects, such as inventory and relocating books."

Kohlbus also occasionally helps students with the library's printers, requests for interlibrary loans and assists in locating books that may be particularly difficult for people to find.

According to Kohlbus, the best part of the job is spending time with his coworkers, but he admits that he wishes more people used the library. "It is disheartening sometimes to see the lack of people checking out books," he said.

However, working as a Student Library Assistant isn't the only job Kohlbus has on campus, nor is it his only position in the library. Starting as an intern after a demonstration during one of Dr. Patrick Allen's classes, Kohlbus worked his way up to becoming an Archives Assistant in the Hess Archives and Special Collections.

The Hess Archives consists mostly of external donations related to the Church of the Brethren and nearby Amish communities, as well as internal documents from various departments around Etown's campus. These documents include materials related to the building and development of the college and its facilities, and even records and copies of items like the yearbook and the Etownian.

"My time at the archives is typically spent working on several different types of projects including, but not limited to, archival descriptions, scanning of materials, retrieval of artifacts for researchers and processing of new materials," Kohlbus said.

"My favorite part of working in the Hess Archives is being able to learn all the niche historical facts about the College campus," he said. However, because the Hess Archives is located on Level One and doesn't see much traffic, Kohlbus explained that it can sometimes get a little lonely.

Some of the projects he's contributed towards are the Teachers for West Africa project, the Karen Weiner-Johnson Collection and the Quimby and Milosh Mamula papers. Currently, he spends his shifts working on the Tempest Theatre program and poster digitization project, which requires him to scan in documents from old Tempest Theatre shows to improve access for anyone who might be doing research.

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Kohlbus spends much of his time in the High Library working various jobs helping students throughout the day.

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Etown softball falls short in doubleheader with Wilkes

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The Elizabethtown College softball team kept it close in both games of their doubleheader on Saturday, April 20 against Wilkes University but would fall short in both games. The weekend series saw the Blue Jays dominate on the mound in both games, but the bats were unable to come up big on the offensive end, getting shutout, 1-0 and 2-0. These two losses hurt in the grand scheme of things, as this late in the season, losses to Landmark Conference opponents are detrimental to their postseason hopes. Sitting at 8-18, Etown will have to lock in down the stretch in order to end the season on a high note.

Game one of the doubleheader saw senior starting pitcher Cierra Kunkle take the hill, and she would silence the Wilkes offense. While the numbers weren't flashy, walking two and striking out none, she got the job done. By the end of it, she went six strong innings, allowing four hits and just one run, which would be unearned, in her complete game bid.

"My spin on the ball was very tight throughout the game and Wilkes had a hard time hitting my rise," Kunkle said, "and the defense had my back the entire seven innings which made for easy 1-2-3 innings."

Unfortunately, the Blue Jays strung together just two hits in Saturday's opener. The hits wouldn't come until late, when in the seventh, second-year infielder Maddie Reever got the Blue Jays' first base-knock of the day, lacing one to left field. Then, with two down and one out to play with, first-year right fielder Rachel Allen kept the rally going with a single to left of her own. That'd be all she wrote though, as the Blue Jays fell short 1-0, stranding two runners on base.

Game two was much of the same story. This time, it was second-year Mikaela Benner going all six innings for the Jays. She'd strike out two, and while she'd allow two earned runs in the third, she kept her team in striking distance throughout the afternoon. In the sixth, two runners reached base, but Benner would keep Wilkes at bay, getting their pinch hitter to ground into a force out, capping off a strong day.

The second game of the day was a slightly better performance from Etown's offense as they tallied three hits but were once again unable to come away with anything to show for it. First-year second baseman Skye Zolomij led the way for Etown, going two-for-three from the middle of the order with two singles. Second-year catcher Haley Nedo also joined the fun with a leadoff single to right in the third. Following the single, first-year third baseman Courtney Oliver reached base following an error. This would be Etown's best chance of the game with two on and no outs, but Wilke's starter would strike out a couple to hold Etown off, and eventually earn a win.

While it wasn't the result the Blue Jays wanted, the strong pitching performances against one of the Landmark's top teams could suggest a strong finish to the season is on the horizon. Kunkle offered her insight on what the team wants to improve on, as they inch towards the end of the season.

"We're trying to focus on being more selective withwhat pitches we swing at offensively," she said. "I think in this series we definitely improved on that aspect but are focusing on getting even more selective at the plate as we move forward with these last few games."

With just eight games to go, Etown will hope to finish the season strong. They'll have a six game home stretch through April, before they head to Scranton, Pa. for their last two games of the season on Saturday, May 4. With a 3-3 record at The Nest, playing in front of the home fans could be exactly what the doctor ordered for the Blue Jays, as the team looks to stay competitive in Landmark Conference play.

"Our energy is the highest knowing our families and friends are there to support us and we love hearing our walk-up and pitching songs," Kunkle said. "We certainly have a special spark when playing at home and hopefully that will ignite in these six final home games."

Photo courtesy of Ryan Smith of Elizabethtown Athletics

Fourth-year starter Cierra Kunkle tossed six innings of one run ball in last Saturday's doubleheader.

Blue Jays take three events in Mason-Dixon Invitational

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On April 19 and 20, the Elizabethtown College men and women's track and field teams competed at the Mason-Dixon Invitational at Gettysburg College, in Gettysburg, Pa. The men's team won one event and placed eight out of the 13 schools competing. The women's team won two events and placed third out of the 10 schools competing.

Athletes Ashton Fasig, Logan Freyermuth, Myron Holland Jr. and Matt Lamb brought home the Etown men's only win during the 4x100m with a time of 43.09. However, other Blue Jays certainly got close to that first place win. In the high jump, Malik Hudges placed second with 1.92m.

Other notable events include the pole vaulters, who all placed. Keagan Kinney took home fifth, Evan Seagreaves placed seventh and Dorian Gonzalez placed ninth. In the high jump, Will Davis placed third with 5.90m, and in the javelin event, Aspen Stahl-Emig also took third place with 44.07m.

The women's team had two winners: Ash Rich and the Etownian's own Managing Editor and the Landmark Women's Field Athlete of the Week, DaniRae Renno. Rich, who also placed eighth in the pole vault, won the high jump and set a personal best of 1.57m. She is now tied for seventh of all time. Renno won the discus at 38.25m. She also placed second in the hammer while setting a new personal record at 40.88m. Renno also placed fifth in the shot put.

Kate Bendall also enjoyed her own wins. While also placing second in the long jump and triple jump, Bendall set personal bests. With 4.96m in the long jump, her score jumps up to the eighth of all time. Although her triple jump record remains fourth of all time, Bendall increased it with her 10.98m.

Several events would see Blue Jays placed. The 100m had Caleigh Bold with second place and Jarrett Wagner with third. The 3k steeple featured Ellie Heilman in second and Maeve Keefe in third. Trinity Faulpel also took home a second-place win in the 100m hurdles. Both Mylea Neidig, in the shot put, and Erin Miller, in the javelin event, finished third. In the 4x100 race, Bold, Faulpel, Sara Rich and Wagner placed third.

Overall, the women's team had 13 top-three finishes.

The men and women's track and field teams next meet is on May 4-5 for the Landmark Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships, which the College will be hosting. Adult tickets are 10 dollars.

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Second-year sprinter Matt Lamb fights off the rain in sprint to the finish in Gettysburg, Pa.

NBA Playoffs: Teams to watch

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The regular season is over. Those words mean one thing for basketball fans across the globe – the start of the National Basketball Association (NBA) playoffs. The atmosphere the NBA playoffs bring always proves to be one of the best in all of sports. This year, there's been the potential birth of young dynasties, teams looking to return to glory and some with revenge on their minds, all looking to make a run at the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy. With so many great teams rising to occasion this season, a long 82-game road to the playoffs should gift fans with some great playoff basketball. Let's look at the top teams to watch for this year's postseason.

Head coach Michael Malone has the two-seeded Denver Nuggets ready for another run. They're led by superstar center Nikola Jokić, who put together another Most Valuable Player (MVP) type campaign averaging 26.4 points, 12.4 rebounds and 9 assists a night for the defending champs. Point guard Jamal Murray is his partner in crime, who has a knack for coming up clutch in big games and is ready to steal the show in these playoffs. Alongside this dynamic duo is a group of veterans, knockdown shooters and suffocating defenders. Not much has changed from this group from last year, part of the reason why they're the betting favorites in the West.

The Boston Celtics are the top seed in the Eastern Conference. General manager Brad Stevens built a powerhouse coming into the year and at 64-18, the squad has not disappointed. From point guard to center, there's star level talent at every position. There's the usual suspects in forward Jayson Tatum and guard Jaylen Brown, looking to finally get over the hump. Guards Derrick White and Jrue Holiday complete the backcourt, both doing it all; shooting, facilitating and locking up team's defensively. Along with Holiday, center Kristaps Porzingis is another newly acquired star, stretching the floor and adding another layer to Boston's nifty defense. While the Celtics have had their fair share of cold nights from the field, when they're on, they're nearly impossible to stop.

The Oklahoma City Thunder and Minnesota Timberwolves are two feel-good stories coming out of the West this season. For the Thunder, general manager Sam Pesti speedran this rebuild by hitting on top draft picks like center Chet Holmgren and forward Jalen Williams and building through their MVP candidate in guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander. No one picked them to take the top seed in the West, but this young group has become one of the most connected and effective groups in basketball. The question is: will the lack of experience keep them from winning it all?

For the Timberwolves, it's a more experienced group, but the youth still bleeds through. The team is known for their physical dominance on the defensive end, but have some explosiveness to their offense, led by 22-year-old guard Anthony Edwards. The former number one pick continues to prove he's one of the league's budding stars, leading the team in scoring with 25.9 points per game. Timberwolve-lifer center Karl-Anthony Towns continues to be a consistent option offensively and the scrutinized 2022 acquisition in center Rudy Gobert never fails to turn in a Defensive Player of the Year caliber season. Add a supporting group that does the dirty work on both ends of the floor, and they could be the team to dethrone the defending champs.

Now for the teams that aren't getting enough love. Out East, with Boston stealing the attention, teams like the Philadelphia 76ers and New York Knicks are being overlooked, two heavyweights that will clash in the first round. For the seven-seeded 76ers, an injury to their leader in center Joel Embiid almost ruined their season. However, new head coach Nick Nurse and all-star guard Tyrese Maxey stepped up and weathered the storm until their superstar returned. Since then, Embiid has helped the team secure the seven-seed.

For New York, they have their own superstar with guard Jalen Brunson breaking out as one of the league's top players. Acquisitions at the deadline like two-way forward O.G. Anunoby and a strong bench also helped fuel this squad to a 50-32 record. With so many scorers filling up the bucket, this should prove to be one of the most exciting first-round matchups. The 76ers might have the defense to contain the Knicks' leading scorers, but for the Knicks, some have questioned if they have the defense to withstand Embiid's all-around scoring ability. Regardless, it's not hard to imagine any of these teams mentioned making a Finals trip. With the talent and top tier caliber, it should be one of the most anticipated postseasons in recent memory.

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Denver guard Jamal Murray is showcasing his clutch gene with his game winner in game two.

Video Game Review: Cave Story

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The most popular games of all time almost always have incredible teams behind them. Chrono Trigger featured the best talent Square-Enix could get their hands on, and now the turn-based role-playing game is rightfully heralded as one of the best games in its genre and of all time. However, one of these all-time classics was created entirely by one person. "Cave Story"—the title in question—features some of the best gameplay and presentation the Metroidvania genre has to offer.

"Cave Story' encapsulates the timelessness of the presentation of early 90s video games. Every pixelated area feels distinct and memorable, which helps the player remember details and encourages them to explore their surroundings. While the environments don't have much to offer—relative to other Metroidvanias—exploring them is always enjoyable and rewarding due to their appealing visuals and aesthetics. Additionally, the retro-style music will sear itself into your brain with how catchy and memorable it is.

The gameplay is also brilliantly fine-tuned. The movement is tight; maneuvering around tricky jumps and swarms of enemies feels as smooth as butter since the player has incredible control over movement. Combat is a constant back-and-forth between enemies and the player since weapons not only increase in quality with more enemies vanquished but also lose quality when the player takes damage. It's a dance of dodging enemies while adapting to the environment and one's current arsenal to make the most out of any situation.

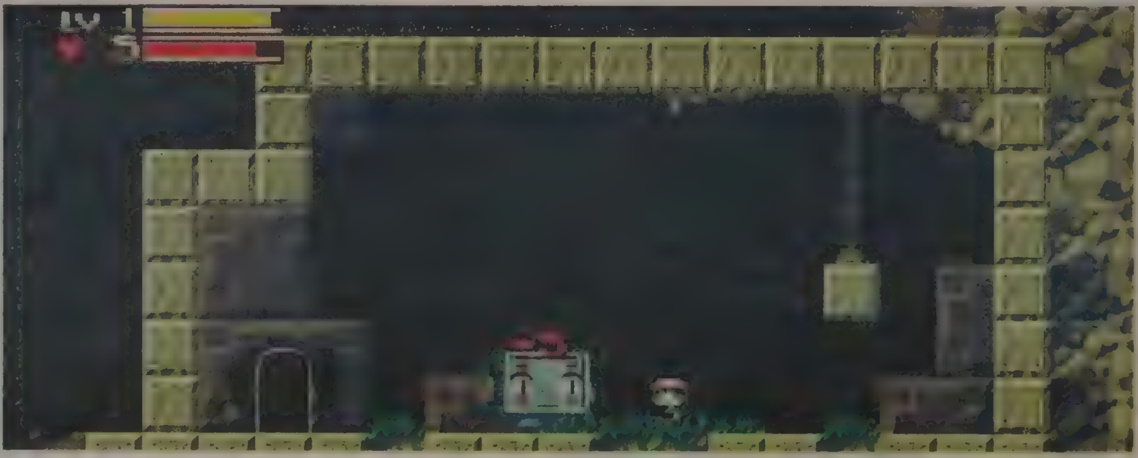
The only major issue "Cave Story" suffers from is how its extreme difficulty clashes with its other aspects. The difficulty itself isn't the problem, but rather the situations one will be hard-pressed to avoid without prior knowledge. The player can miss the best weapon in the game several times, there's a weirdly high number of sections where the player cannot revisit certain areas and a one-time full-heal item can be reacquired with a lengthy hike back into one section.

The most egregious example of this trial-and-error nonsense comes from a seemingly innocuous event. Halfway through the game, there's a situation where the player will fail to cross a chasm, fall to the bottom and obtain a jetpack that allows them to hop over the pit. This is not only how you miss out on an upgraded jetpack but also how you get the bad ending. What one should do is cross the chasm without the jetpack—which is extraordinarily difficult—which makes a new and entirely unrelated item appear at a critical point in the plot.

These issues aren't much by themselves but inevitably snowball when the player reaches the finale. "Cave Story's" final boss is challenging even with the best equipment in the game. It's a fantastic mess of dodging and picking your moments to strike carefully, making it one of the best boss fights in any game. However, if one was unfortunate enough to end up with a lackluster arsenal, the worst version of the jetpack, and no full heal, they'll find this encounter will devolve from a fantastic challenge to utter madness.

However, if one makes it through these challenges, they'll find the experience was worth it. This review isn't going to spoil what changes between the bad ending and the good ending, as it's an experience well worth it to those who appreciate a tricky yet satisfying challenge. Additionally, obtaining the good ending rewards the player with additional content!

I give "Cave Story" a 9/10 and highly recommend!



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Cave Story is a timeless platform adventure game and can be found on many platforms.

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